



# Rangitikei District Council

## Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 13 February 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

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**Present:**

- Cr Angus Gordon
- Cr Tracey Hiroa
- Cr Cath Ash
- Cr Nigel Belsham
- Cr Fiona Dalgety
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Cr Jane Dunn
- Cr Richard Lambert
- Cr Dave Wilson
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
- Mr Chris Shenton (Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representative)

**Also Present:** Cr Brian Carter

**In attendance:**

- Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
- Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
- Ms Carol Gordon, Manager – Executive Office
- Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
- Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

**Late Items:**

- Item 7** Chair's Report
- Item 8** Taihape Community Development Trust – Strategic Performance Framework MOU Organisations
- Item 8** Bulls & District Community Trust – Events/Programmes & Workplan

## 1 Welcome

Councillor Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting at 1.04pm

## 2 Public Forum

Nil

## 3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for absence of Cr Waru Panapa be received.

Cr Belsham/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.

It was noted that Cr Ash, Cr Duncan and Cr Hiroa have Conflicts of Interest or perceived Conflicts of Interest in regards to Item 8. The Chair requested that they do not speak or question the MOU Partnering Organisation that they have a connection with, but that they may raise questions to the other partnering organisations.

## 5 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed, with the movement of Item 8 to follow Item 9.

## 6 Confirmation of minutes

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/PPL/001**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-13-2**

That the Minutes of the 'Policy/Planning Committee' meeting held on 12 December 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship The Mayor/Cr Gordon. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

The tabled Chair's Report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/PPL/002**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-15-1**

That the tabled 'Chair's Report' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 13 February 2020 be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Duncan. Carried

## **9 Legislation and Governance update - February 2020**

Mr Hodder spoke to his report. The Committee discussed points to be covered in Council's submission to the draft National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity:

- applauded the intent;
- questioned the affordability;
- had serious doubts on the practicability of implementation;
- was uncomfortable with the seeming preference for regulation (NPS) over legislation;
- was worried about the impact on agricultural productivity (e.g. fencing out stock makes it easier for Old Man's beard to spread; and
- thought it was better dealt with by regional councils.

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/PPL/003**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-5**

That the report 'Legislation and Governance Update – February 2020' to the 13 February 2020 Policy/Planning Committee meeting be received.

Cr Dunn/Cr Ash. Carried

## **8 Overview of Memorandum of Understanding agreements with Partnering Organisations**

Presentations were made via written reports and PowerPoint by the four MoU partnering organisations on their work plan:

### **• Taihape Community Development Trust**

Spoke to their written Strategic Performance report, updating Committee members that the attendance at the 2019 Taihape Gumboot Day had risen with an estimated 3000 attendees.

The Talk UP Taihape newsletter is distributed to more than 400 residences, as well as homes in Taihape to promote community organisations activities as well as cross-promoting with regional partners. The Youth 4 Youth (Y4Y) program has been noted as a leader of youth volunteering development in the district, with building capacity for young volunteers to help deliver community-led events in the region.

- **Mōkai Pātea Services**

Provided a verbal report on their work plan. From January – December 2019 they have engaged with an estimated 2552 rangatahi and continue to provide a service for youth between 3pm-5pm each day at the Lobby and recently took a group of Youth to the Ratana Celebrations. Current attendance numbers at the Lobby are approximately 11 per day however this drops during the school holidays and when sport season returns. They continue to network via Face Book, Marae and runanga.

Moving forward they are to work on promoting the service with schools and the rangatahi who are not connected with schools and encourage Youth to submit to Council.

- **Bulls & District Community Trust**

Presented a PowerPoint presentation and provided a written Events/Programmes & Workplan. The Trust updated the Committee on their past, current and future endeavours, with the recent Bulls Christmas parade and Whanau day being a success with over 30 floats and several volunteers from across the community including the Fire Brigade, Ohakea and Maori Wardens with an estimated 300 community members were in attendance at the Whanau day.

With a reach of over 2,500 followers on the regularly updated Facebook page Bulls NZ, the Trust were recently commissioned by a New York based company to work on an ad for the new Plant based burger at Burger King.

The Bulls Township attracts many visitors through the Bulls in Bulls in 13 locations around the township and one on tour and the “A-Bull” branding, with over 75 “A-Bulls” registered. Further promotion for the town and district is done in collaboration with local real-estate agents in providing Welcome packs to new comers to the town, contents include information on Council, a district map, a copy of the Bullitin, rubbish and more.

- **Project Marton**

A PowerPoint presentation was made, with highlights of what the organisation have worked on and currently working on. With over 1400 volunteer hours assisting with several events such as the Marton Market Day and the Marton Harvest Fair with approximately 12,000 visitors in attendance at each, promotion for the district with the win a wedding at Harvest Festival with the honeymoon showcasing the district, Crafts Alive and involvement in place making, Health Network Meeting and the Marton Community Garden.

The organisation keeps the community well informed with their active Facebook page, a number of newsletters and window displays.

Moving forward the committee would like to see a Men’s Shed up and running, more work in the Youth space and re-ignite the relationship and collaborate more with the other MOU Partnering organisations.

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/PPL/004**                      **File Ref**                      **4-EN-10-2**

That the report 'Overview of Memorandum of Understanding agreements with Partnering Organisations' to the 13 February 2020 Policy/Planning Committee meeting be received.

Cr Ash/Cr Dunn. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/PPL/005**                      **File Ref**

That the presentations to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 13 February 2020 from the four MoU partnering organisations – Mokai Patea Services, Taihape Community Development Trust, Project Marton, Bulls and District Community Trust – be received.

Cr Belsham/Mr Shenton. Carried

## **10 Update on Communications Strategy**

Ms Gordon briefed Committee members that Ms Leah Johnston joined the team 4 weeks earlier, once a strategy has been confirmed the Communications Strategy will be reported differently.

The Committee noted that feedback is not being received via the Request for Service (RFS) service when it is being requested. Ms Gordon is to follow up on this.

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/PPL/006**                      **File Ref**

That the report 'Update on Communications Strategy' to the 13 February 2020 Policy/Planning Committee meeting be received.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Wilson. Carried

## **11 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – January 2020**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/PPL/007**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CO-4-8**

That the 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – January 2019' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 13 February 2020 be received.

Cr Ash/Cr Duncan. Carried

## 12 Activity Management

The report was taken as read. The Chief Executive asked whether the renovation of a dilapidated house so that it was again able to be lived in could be included in Council's rates remission policy on incentivising residential development. The Committee thought this would be a difficult distinction to make.

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/PPL/008**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-3-2**

That the report 'Activity Management' to the 13 February 2020 Policy/Planning Committee be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Belsham. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/PPL/009**                      **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council to provide a report on options around further changes to the District Plan to support residential development.

His Worship The Mayor/Cr Lambert. Carried

## 13 Late items

As agreed in Item 5.

## 14 Future items for the agenda

Affordable housing

## 15 Next meeting

Thursday 19 March 2020, 1.00pm

## 16 Meeting closed

3.27pm

**Confirmed/Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: