



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 6 August 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

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Present: Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Fiona Dalgety
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Waru Panapa
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Carol Gordon, Manager – Executive Office
Ms Nardia Gower, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

Tabled Items: **Item 7** – Chair’s Report
Item 11 – Activity Management

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 1.05pm

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for absence of Councillor Hiroa, Councillor Belsham, Councillor Wilson and Mr Chris Shenton be received.

Cr Dunn/Cr Panapa. 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.

5 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed. There were no late items.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	20/PPL/039	File Ref	3-CT-13-2
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That the Minutes of the 'Policy/Planning Committee' meeting held on 9 July 2020 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Lambert. Carried

7 Chair's Report

Cr Gordon spoke to his tabled report, noting whether a contingency plan for the District's water supplies was needed, specifically the smaller communities.

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That the tabled 'Chair's Report' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 6 August 2020 be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Dalgety. Carried

8 Legislation and Governance update – August 2020

Mr Hodder spoke to the report, noting changes including reform of the Resource Management Act and the Water Services Bill – which will be the basis used for enhancing regulation for drinking water.

Mr Beggs updated the Committee of the Three Waters activities earlier in the week which Mayors, Elected Members, Iwi, Chief Executives and senior staff from across the lower North Island attended.

- \$762 million dollars is available from the government for councils across the country, for the three waters, with \$30 million dollars targeted at marae and papakainga.
- Rangitikei District Council, on signing of the non-binding MoU for tranche 1, will receive \$2.41 million dollars, to be allocated to drinking water and wastewater. The first MoU will expire 30 June 2021. The funds must be spent by 2022.
- \$2.41 million dollars has also been designated to the region which includes the following Councils – Ruapehu, Rangitikei, Manawatu, Tararua, Horizons, Palmerston North and Horowhenua.
- Elected Members from the region are meeting 13 August, where further discussion around the regional allocation will happen.
- Simpson Grierson has provided a legal opinion to the sector clarifying the non-binding nature of the MoU and that public consultation is not necessary.
- Once Council has comment from Iwi (through an additional meeting of Te Rōpu Ahi Kā) the MoU will go to an additional Audit/Risk Committee meeting to consider.

Resolved minute number **20/PPL/041** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That the report 'Legislation and Governance Update – August 2020' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 6 August 2020 be received.

Cr Dunn/Cr Lambert. Carried

9 Update on Communications Strategy

Ms Gordon spoke to the report, providing the following highlights:

- Website visits are high, the top two trends include libraries and rates information.
- Requests under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, are simply operational, can include items of the requests in future reporting.
- The community newsletter is near completion, this will go to Councillors to provide feedback, information and then out to each household.

Resolved minute number **20/PPL/042** **File Ref** **3-CT-15-1**

That the report 'Update on Communications Strategy' Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 6 August 2020 be received.

Cr Duncan/Cr Dalgety. Carried

10 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – July 2020

Ms Gower took her report as read, and briefed on the following:

- CEDAs survey “Understanding the Impact of Covid-19 on our Business Community” had a response of 20.4% from Rangitikei.
- There have been 43 work placements under Mahi Tahi as at 29 July 2020.
- Councils Graphic Designer has drafted an image for the Marton Town Signage, this has gone to Iwi to review.
- Currently working on the Maori Responsiveness Framework to be put to Te Rōpu Ahi Kā, before going to Council.
- Youth Awards to be held 27 August 2020, Ms Widdowson has been actively requesting nominations.

Resolved minute number3 20/PPL/043 File Ref 1-CO-4-8

That the ‘Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report March – July 2020’ to the Policy/Planning Committee on 6 August 2020 be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Panapa. Carried

11 Activity Management

Mr Hodder briefed Elected Members on the tabled document, noting that the Long Term Plan is front of mind over the coming months.

It was agreed that the Activity Management reporting continue as it is a valuable part of reporting.

Cr Dalgety queried in the instance of Emergency Management, who is in charge and how do communities know what to do other than calling Council.

Elected Members were advised that Council have one staff member responsible for Emergency Management, and see value in the staff member attending or a report to go to the Community Committees and Ratana Community Board meetings, noting that Taihape has a Civil Defence Community Response Plan in place.

The Committee discussed whether there was a policy in place to restrict how many dogs someone can own. Staff advised there is a bylaw in place but this does not restrict how many dogs can be owned. However, where a dog or dogs on any property has become or is likely to become a nuisance or injurious to health, the bylaw provides that an abatement notice will be issued to the owner at the discretion of a dog control officer or dog ranger. This notice may require the owner to reduce the number of dogs living on the property.

His Worship the Mayor left 2.16pm-2.16pm.

Undertaking Subject

That Paul Chaffe, staff member responsible for Emergency Management, attend or provide a report on the Civil Defence Community Response Plans to each Community Committee and the Ratana Community Board.

Undertaking Subject

Staff to provide feedback on the request to amend the Control of Dogs Bylaw which would limit the number of dogs an owner could have.

Resolved minute number 20/PPL/044 File Ref 5-EX-3-2

That the report 'Activity Management' to the 6 August 2020 Policy/Planning Committee be received.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Lambert. Carried

12 Late items

Nil

13 Future items for the agenda

Effectiveness of the Traffic and Parking By-Law

Dogs – policy on being able to restrict numbers

Comment on fragility of water district wide

14 Next meeting

Thursday 10 September 2020, 1.00 pm

15 Meeting closed

2.22pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: