



Rangitikei District Council

Strategic Planning & Policy Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 12 November 2020 – 1:00 pm

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Present: Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Tracey Hiroa
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Waru Panapa
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Dave Wilson
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Ms Carol Gordon, Manager – Executive Office
Ms Nardia Gower, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
Mr Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor for Economic Development

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 1.05pm.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apologies for absence be received from Councillor Fi Dalgety and Councillor Richard Lambert.

Chair / Cr Wilson. Carried

4 Members' Conflict of Interest

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business and no late items.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

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That the Minutes of the 'Policy/Planning Committee' meeting held on 10 September 2020 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Ash / Cr Duncan. Carried

7 Chair's Report

The Chair took the report as read with no questions asked.

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That the tabled 'Chair's Report' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 12 November 2020 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

8 Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings

Draft Policy on new builds re Rates Remission Policy – a question about whether the policy was still fit for purpose and met the needs for which it was originally intended. Mr Forster will check if amendments can be made and bring back to table to review in early 2021. With specific regards to Sec 10 and the \$5,000 remission amount, interpretation of Inhabitable Property vs Rateably Property was sought. It was noted Council's incentive around housing stock was realised in Marton and Bulls but questioned if the incentive could be transferred to Taihape to encourage more development.

Traffic and Parking Bylaw – Councillor Belsham advised he was happy to provide Elected Member feedback when reviewing the bylaw.

Resolved minute number **20/PPL/055** **File Ref**

That the report 'Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings' be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Wilson. Carried

9 Democracy & Planning Group – Operational Update

Mrs Gordon spoke to her report and noted the following in response to Councillors' comments:

- LGOIMA requests are increasing, no one particular issue, just what is current. Multiple requests received from same organisation. Pushing back on these and notifying of extra costs associated and time delays in producing information. Noted that Taxpayer's Association requests are circulated to every Council in New Zealand. Putting in writing to Radio NZ the high amount of requests being made. Text messages can be part of a LGOIMA.

Iwi/Hapu Engagement and Development – following a query from the Chair, Mayor Watson confirmed that the disposal process of any buildings in Bulls has been put on hold at Ngati Parewahawaha's request. This pertained to any Council land. Councillor Wilson queried the status of Haylock Park and the Chief Executive undertook to provide an update on this block of land.

Resolved minute number **20/PPL/056** **File Ref**

That the report 'Operational Update to Policy / Planning Committee Meeting' be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Hiroa. Carried

10 Community Programmes Operational Update - September and October 2020

Ms Gower spoke to her report and the following discussion highlights were noted:

- This report replaces the old report and includes updates on Te Matapihi and Libraries.

- Facilitation with Iwi – compartmentalise Iwi consultation, need to engage with all catchments.
- Te Matapihi – Events and Venue Activity – prior to Te Matapihi, Bulls had a Town Hall and standalone library. The library facility at Te Matapihi has shown an increase in use and there is a lot of movement in the space. Chief Executive had met with Bulls School and Clifton School recently to discuss upcoming use in December, listening to user needs.
- Youth Space – Taihape – Mayor Watson noted that two Rangitikei District Council scholarships had been awarded to Rangitikei College. Councillor Belsham noted the good work in this area is testament to youth and the Youth Co-ordinator.

Resolved minute number **20/PPL/057** **File Ref**

That the 'Community Programmes Operational Update - September and October 2020' to Policy Planning on 12 November 2020 be received.

Cr Panapa / Cr Wilson. Carried

11 2019/20 Annual Residents Survey Improvement Plan

Mr Forster spoke to his report and the following discussion points were noted:

- Noted this survey captured responses from approximately 330 respondents.
- Replies for Dog Registrations and Building Consents showed a better response.
- The Chief Executive noted that reporting needed work and provided a project update from Information Services around a customer centric approach and focus to be up and running in March 2021. This will provide better data ensuring that complaints are referred to the correct area and dealt with in a uniform manner.
- It was further noted that the Building Consents team is a small team dealing with a large workload.

In response to a question about future surveys, Mrs Gordon said in future surveys of actual users will be undertaken, e.g. survey sent to applicants after a Building Consent is issued, as far more meaningful information can be gathered.

Resolved minute number **20/PPL/058** **File Ref** **5-FR-1-2**

That the report '2019/20 Annual Residents Survey Improvement Plan' to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting be received.

Cr Duncan / Cr Belsham. Carried

12 Group of Activity Updates

The report was noted.

Resolved minute number **20/PPL/059** **File Ref**

That the report 'Group of Activity Updates' be received.

Cr Hiroa / Cr Gordon. Carried

13 Late Items

There were no late items.

14 Next meeting

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

15 Meeting closed

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 2.08pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____