



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday, 17 February 2021 – 1:00 pm

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The quorum for the Policy and Planning Committee is 6.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

Present:

- Cr Tracey Hiroa (Chair)
- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Nigel Belsham
- Cr Richard Lambert
- Cr Fiona Dalgety
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Cr Waru Panapa
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
- Cr Cath Ash via Zoom
- Cr Angus Gordon via Zoom
- Mr Chris Shenton

In attendance:

- Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
- Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Finance and Business Support
- Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager Democracy & Planning
- George Forster, Policy Analyst
- Mrs Gaylene Prince, Group Manager Community Services
- Ms Nardia Gower, Community Development Manager
- Mr Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor Economic Development

1 Welcome

2 Public Forum

Nil.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Nil.

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

The order of business was confirmed.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

His Worship the Mayor has requested that it is noted on the previous minutes that he was on council business and therefore couldn't attend the meeting.

Resolved minute number **21/PPL/066**

That the Minutes of the 'Policy/Planning Committee' meeting held on 10 December 2020 as amended be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Lambert/Cr Wilson Carried

7 Chair's Report

Via zoom Cr Gordon read his report.

Resolved minute number **21/PPL/067** **File Ref**

That the 'Chair's Report' to the 17 February 2021 Policy/Planning Committee meeting be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Panapa Carried

Mr Shenton arrived at 1.12 pm.

8 Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings

Mrs Gordon took the report as read.

Cr Dalgety asked if His Worship the Mayor could continue to put his report in the Hunterville Bulletin, it has been in there previously and it is a widely read document. His Worship the Mayor was happy to do that but just needed to know the deadline for inclusion into the Bulletin.

Resolved minute number **21/PPL/068** **File Ref** **3-CT-13-1**

That the report 'Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings' to the 17 February 2021 Policy/Planning meeting be received.

Cr Duncan/Cr Wilson Carried

Cr Panapa arrived at 1.22 pm

9 Speed Limit Bylaw 2009 Review

The report was taken as read.

The current bylaw is under review, one of the changes has been suggested by the Community and Police to help increase safety. NZTA haven't firmed up a view of which suggestions they will support.

Once the issue was raised in Hunterville the community approached the Police so the proposed changes are mainly based on Police advice.

We need to ensure we go into the consultation process with clear information.

Resolved minute number **21/PPL/069** **File Ref** **1-DB-1-7**

1. That the report 'Speed Limit Bylaw 2009 Review' be received
2. That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council, that in accordance with section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002, a Speed Limit Bylaw is the most appropriate way to address the problems identified, is the most appropriate form of bylaw, and does not give rise to implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
3. That the Policy/Planning Committee considers that the proposed changes to the draft amended Speed Limit Bylaw 2009 will not have a significant impact on the public and therefore, consultation will occur in accordance with Section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002, Section 22AD of the Land Transport Act 1998 and Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2017.
4. That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the draft amended Speed Limit Bylaw 2009 be adopted for consultation.

Cr Belsham/Cr Dalgety Carried

5. That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the draft amended Speed Limit Bylaw 2009 be amended to include speed limit options for Taihape State Highway 1, south entrance, as proposed by the Taihape Community Board.

Cr Duncan/Cr Gordon Carried

10 Democracy & Planning Group – Operational Update

Mrs Gordon took her report as read.

Communications Update:

It was suggested that there could be more engagement on Facebook and social media platforms as well as council's website. We need to broaden our spectrum to include everyone within the district, if you look at who puts submissions in, they are generally older or retired people.

Mr Beggs suggested His Worship the Mayor could provide a sentence periodically to be put onto Twitter, staff would run the Twitter account.

Resolved minute number **21/PPL/070**

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

HWTM/Cr Wilson Carried

11 Community Programmes - Operational Update

Ms Gower took her report as read, noting that the Mahi Tahi programme is tracking well with 113 work placements.

The township signage is still in progress, Leah is helping out but she's exceptionally busy at the moment. A suggestion was made to have signage at public rest areas also, with stories on the back of the signs. Ms Gower met with the Rangitikei Heritage Group to identify and tell stories of Heritage sites; we have a great opportunity to include both and it could also align with the Visit Rangitikei website.

In the Youth Council space, there have been 16 applicants for the youth council (all girls) and there are only 6 places available.

Jaime Reibel advised that he has met with social housing groups, churches and Marton Christian Welfare. In a previous meeting there was a desire to meet the CEO of Housing Aotearoa, at this stage scheduling a meeting to get everyone together is proving difficult. There is a meeting scheduled with Oceania Healthcare on 9th March 2021.

Resolved minute number **21/PPL/071** **File Ref** **1-CO-4-8**

That the 'Community Programmes Operational Update' to the 17 February 2021 Policy/Planning meeting be received.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Duncan Carried

12 Group of Activity Updates

The report was taken as read. The Hunterville St Johns Operational Building funding request is a topic for the LTP workshop.

It was noted there are delays in the consenting processes so Councillors asked what they could do to assist.

The discussions included the following:

- We have not lost staff yet and are actively advertising for roles but a lot of the applicants don't have the skills required;
- The issue with hiring apprentices is that you require a staff member that has the capacity to train the apprentice, currently none of the team have capacity;
- Some time ago there was a suggestion of consenting online, they have been assisting with processing consents but they are also assisting 35 other councils and are now overloaded themselves;
- Central Government has a big part to play in this issue, we need to come up with the best pathway to work towards;
- Councillors said thank you for all the work being done in the building consent space, it is appreciated.

Resolved minute number **21/PPL/072**

That the report 'Group of Activity Updates' to the 17 February 2021 Policy/Planning meeting be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Panapa Carried

13 Late items

As agreed in Item 5.

14 Next meeting

Thursday, 8 April 2021 – 1.00 pm

15 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 2.52 pm.