

# MINUTES

## POLICY/PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, 15 June 2023

**Time:** 1.00pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Present**

- Cr Tracey Piki Te Ora Hiroa
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Cr Richard Lambert
- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Greg Maughan
- HWTM Andy Watson

**In attendance**

- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
- Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager- Democracy and Planning
- Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager- Community Services
- Ms Sharon Grant, Group Manager- People and Performance
- Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner
- Ms Rhonda Morris, Communications Manager
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Welcome / Prayer

Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa opened the meeting at 1.02pm.

## 2 Apologies

No apologies received.

## 3 Public Forum

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 23/PPL/008**

That the minutes of Policy/Planning Committee Meeting held on 9 March 2023 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa/Cr G Duncan. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

### 7.1 Chair's Report -June 2023

The Chair stated that there is work to be done to make the committee more effective and efficient.

**Resolved minute number 23/PPL/009**

That the Chair's Report – June 2023 be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

## 8 Reports for Decision

### 8.1 Policy/Bylaw Work Programme

Ms Etheridge took councillors through this item stating that some of the work is required under legislation.

Ms Etheridge responded to comments that the smoking and vaping bylaw cannot be completed as there is no staff capacity. Councillors commented on being only one of eight councils that does not have a policy on smoking and that it would be beneficial for council to work on this, even a generic policy. Staff reiterated that there is little to no capacity.

Staff to provide advice on the ideal number of policies being work on at any one time.

**Resolved minute number 23/PPL/010**

That the report "Policy/Bylaw Work Programme" be received

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/PPL/011**

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the Speed Limits Bylaw be revoked.

Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa/Cr R Lambert. Carried

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Rangitikei Strategic Framework (Kowhai)

Ms Gray responded to councillors that the benefit of this framework is providing the vision and purpose of council and to help staff and elected members articulate this.

His Worship the Mayor commented on the response from CouncilMark and the lack of understanding from councillors on the vision and strategy of council.

Councillors requested that water and affordability of the district be a priority on the kowhai.

**Resolved minute number 23/PPL/012**

That the report 'Rangitikei Strategic Framework (Kowhai)' be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

### 9.2 Strategy/Plan Development and Review Update

Mr Benadie responded to requests on smokefree within our parks strategy, that policy and strategy are two different things and therefore we cannot incorporate the smokefree within our parks strategy.

Councillors questioned the Heritage Strategy. Ms Gray encouraged councillors to read the heritage strategy and that this does need to be reviewed.

Ms Gray clarified to councillors that the word overdue, may not be overdue in the sense of legislation but councils' own policies.

**Resolved minute number 23/PPL/013**

That the report 'Strategy/Plan Development and Review Update' be received.

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Wilson. Carried

### **9.3 Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan: Draft Scope**

This was part of better off funding and is an opportunity for the committee to have input in the scoping document.

His Worship the Mayor spoke of managed retreat and the need to prioritise risks within the district.

Councillors also spoke of emissions within the organisation and the real impact climate change will have on our communities.

**Resolved minute number 23/PPL/014**

That the report 'Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan: Draft Scope' be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

## **10 Discussion Items**

### **10.1 Discussion re Communications Reporting**

Ms Morris took councillors led this discussion and highlighted the importance of council's reputation. Ms Morris spoke of her experience with council so far and the results of engagement with the community on councils Facebook page. One of the actions that will be undertaken is updates on the councillors and staff members within council.

**The meeting closed at 2.23pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Policy/Planning Committee held on 12 July 2023.**

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**Chairperson**