

MINUTES

POLICY/PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 10 August 2023

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Cr Greg Maughan
- Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
- Cr Richard Lambert
- HWTM Andy Watson
- Mr Chris Shenton (TRAK Representative)

In attendance

- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Simon Loudon
- Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
- Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
- Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
- Mr Bruce Deer
- Ms Jo Rangooni

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa opened the meeting at 12.59pm.

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/015

That the minutes of Policy/Planning Committee Meeting held on 15 June 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 D Wilson/HWTM A Watson. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Policy/Planning Committee Meetings

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/016

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Policy/Planning Committee Meetings' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - August 2023

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/017

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

Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa/Cr G Maughan. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Deliberation on submissions for the draft Community Spatial Plan

Ms Gray took councillors through the report reminding elected members that the recommendations are from staff, and councillors are able to add or make changes.

Ms Gray responded to questions that spatial plan is a non-statutory document and is a plan for the future of the district. This is an aspirational document and any investment will be considered through the Long-Term Planning and Annual Plan process.

Elected Members worked through the report section by section. The following corrections/amendments were made:

- Update section 5.39 which references that new builds throughout the district are able to receive rates remissions. This is not correct in the southern part of the district and the commentary should reflect this.
- Councillors noted the work being completed at Santoft Domain which supports walkers on the Te Araroa trail. An amendment was made to the associated resolution to reflect this.
- Councillors noted the key issue for housing for the elderly in Taihape is the topography, and lack of housing on flat land and noted Council has been actively working with the community on this challenge. The recommendation was updated to reflect this.
- Ngāti Tamakōpiri should be identified in 19.76.

The following topics were identified as not suitable for the Community Spatial Plan and will be addressed by officers separate to the spatial plan process:

- Mobile health services for Hunterville.
- The town clock for Marton.
- The campground for Koitiata.

The meeting adjourned at 2.54pm and returned at 3.05pm.

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/018

That the report 'Deliberation on submissions for the draft Community Spatial Plan' be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/019

That Council receive submissions 001 to 187 made on the draft Community Spatial Plan.

Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/020

That Council has considered and accepts the Officer comments on submissions, noting that they will be included as Council's response to submitters (with noted amendments).

HWTM A Watson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/021

That Officers are authorised to undertake minor amendments to the document in preparation for adoption (e.g. spelling, grammar, formatting).

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/022

That the key themes for Bulls are re-ordered as follows:

1. Transport network improvements
2. Supporting infrastructure
3. Connection with open space
4. Housing growth
5. Traveller destination and vibrant town centre
6. Business growth

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/023

That a new priority to Key Theme 2 is added "Support improvements to parks and reserves for Bulls that meet the needs of a growing community and are aligned with the Parks, Open Spaces and Sporting Facilities Strategy".

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/024

That the Te Araroa Trail is added to the maps on page 36 and 39 of the draft Community Spatial Plan, and additional text added to Key Theme 4 "The Te Araroa Trail travels through Bulls which represents an opportunity for walkers to refuel, camp and explore what Bulls has to offer."

HWTM A Watson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Amendment 23/PPL/025

To include reference to the Santoft Domain.

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/026

That the following commentary is added to page 226 “Further discussions with the landowner of 233A State Highway 1 will occur regarding the future urban zoning of the Rural zone part of the site.”

Cr R Lambert/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/027

That BUL07 is reclassified as low suitability.

Cr G Duncan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/028

That the Key Themes for Hunterville are reordered as follows:

1. Sense of community
2. Better transport
3. Meet housing demand
4. Antique and boutique destination

Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/029

That Action 2.3 is amended as follows and Nga Puna Rau o Rangitikei / Mokai Patea nui tonu are specified as project partners and key stakeholders: “Support environmental enhancements of the Pourewa Stream including planting, fencing, and removal of wastewater and the work of the RRCC Catchment Group and Nga Puna Rau o Rangitikei / Mokai Patea nui tonu.”

Cr G Maughan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/030

That additional commentary and a priority is added to Key Theme 2 – “The Pourewa Stream is a significant waterway for Hunterville. There are opportunities for improving the health and increasing community connection with the waterway”.

Priority “Improving connection with, and the health of the Pourewa Stream.”

Cr D Wilson/HWTM A Watson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/031

That HUN01 is amended to be considered as Moderate Suitability for growth, with the topographical limitations assessment amended to yellow.

Cr R Lambert/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/032

That the themes are re-ordered for Koitiata as follows:

1. Access to open space and nature
2. Community facilities
3. Sense of community
4. Infrastructure and transport

Cr G Duncan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/033

That an action is added “Work alongside the community and key stakeholders to develop a Reserve Management Plan”.

HWTM A Watson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/034

That Action 3.2 is amended ~~“Consider~~ Recommend rezoning the Koitiata Domain as ~~open space~~ part of the implementation of an ‘Open Space’ zone for the Rangitikei District Plan”.

Cr G Duncan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/035

That Action 4.5 is added: “Advocate for increased cell phone connectivity and share emerging technologies with the community”.

Cr G Duncan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/036

That the Te Araroa Trail is added to the Koitiata map on page 69 of the draft Community Spatial Plan.

Cr G Maughan/Mr C Shenton. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/037

That the Key Themes for Mangaweka are re-ordered as follows:

1. Visitor destination
2. Natural and Built heritage
3. Housing growth
4. Transport links

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/038

That the text for Action 3.1 is amended as follows: “Investigate the need and opportunities for the development of active mobility pathways that support local recreation and the visitor economy. A top priority is a path from the village to the Rangitikei River. The feasibility of a pathway along the ‘old rail tunnels’ should also be explored.”

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/039

That the key themes are re-ordered for Marton as follows:

1. Town centre revitalisation
2. Thriving local economy
3. High quality infrastructure

4. High quality community facilities
5. Housing growth and high quality environments
6. Connection with the natural environment
7. Transport improvements

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/040

That an action is added to Key Theme 1: Town Centre Revitalisation: Action 1.12 – “Implement storytelling throughout the town centre that shares the history of the area.”

Cr G Duncan/Mr C Shenton. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/041

That an active mobility pathway is included on the relevant maps that run along Station Road between Main Street and Wellington Road.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/042

That Action 7.1 for Marton is amended as follows:

~~Rezoning of future residential growth areas for Marton.~~ Undertake a District Plan Change for urban growth that:

- Rezones residential and lifestyle growth areas.
- Implements structure plans for future growth areas and undeveloped residential areas.
- Enables medium development that meets high quality urban design criteria.
- Reviews provisions to ensure they support aspirations associated with development well-functioning communities and a diverse range of housing.
- Considers the diverse housing needs for a range of people including; elderly, multi-family households, and families.

AND

That Actions 7.2, Action 7.3 and Action 7.4 are deleted.

Cr G Maughan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/043

That the matrix assessment for Marton be updated to correct the identified administrative errors.

HWTM A Watson/Mr C Shenton. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/044

That the assessment for MAR01 is amended as follows, with the area provided a High Suitability rating.

- Walkability amended to yellow – some consistency.
- Connectivity amended to green – high consistency.

HWTM A Watson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/045

That MAR07 is split into two growth areas being MAR07 and MAR15, with the following suitability ratings:

- MAR07: Residential Moderate Suitability
- MAR15: Rural Lifestyle Moderate Suitability.

HWTM A Watson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/046

That the following priority and action are added to Key Theme 1 for Marton.

Priority: “Celebrate local art in public places”.

Action 1.1: “Implement streetscape improvements to increase vibrancy, improve the pedestrian experience, increase community connection, and provide linger opportunities (shelter, seating, photo opportunities, outdoor dining, public art).

Cr G Duncan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/047

That additional commentary is added under Key Theme 1 for Mataroa: “There are younger generations from families who have lived in the area for a long time starting to return to Mataroa.”

Cr G Duncan/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/048

That the following are added to Key Theme 2 for Mataroa regarding the Mataroa Cemetery:

- Descriptive text – The ongoing management of the cemetery by the community is important.
- Additional priority – Community management of the Mataroa Cemetery
- Additional action – 2.2 Support continued community management of the Mataroa Cemetery

Cr G Duncan/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/049

That the following are added to Key Theme 2 for Mataroa regarding the active mobility pathways:

Descriptive text – “There is the potential for an active mobility link to be developed between Mataroa and Taihape, a loop around the Paengaroa Reserve and Taihape Golf Course, and improvements made to the path to Mataroa School along Rongoiti Road. The Ohakune–Taihape Cycle Trail already runs through the village, the addition of an active mobility pathway would support increased use of the existing trail, plus increased local use for shorter recreation opportunities”.

Amendment to priority – “Local recreation opportunities Active mobility pathway development to support local and regional recreation opportunities and safety”.

Amendment of Action 2.1 – to include a pathway along “Rongoiti Road to Mataroa School”.

Map – Addition of the active mobility pathways to the map.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/050

That Action 1.2 regarding signage for the Ferry is removed.

Cr D Wilson/Mr C Shenton. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/051

That Action 1.3 Carpark extension is removed.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/052

That the themes are re-ordered for Taihape as follows:

1. Suitable housing for all
2. Recreation and community facilities
3. Enhance Taihape as a destination
4. Manage competing land uses and support local business growth
5. Enhance and protect Taihape’s heritage
6. Improved transport options

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/053

That additional commentary and a priority is added to Key Theme 1 for Taihape.

- Commentary: “The lack of housing for the elderly on flat land means residents are unable to stay in the community near to their family and friends as they age”. Council has actively been working with the community on this challenge.
- Priority: “Enable the development of housing options for the elderly so they are able to remain in the community as they age”.

Cr G Duncan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/054

That Action 5.3 is amended as follows “Recognise the work being completed by Nga Puna Rau o Rangitikei and the Rangitikei Rivers Catchment Collective catchment groups that support environmental improvements.

Cr G Maughan/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/055

That the following amendments are made to the Taihape section:

- Additional text is added to page 156 which states “Taihape is the home of Ngāti Tamakopiri”
- The cover image is changed to one of the Hautapu River.

- Additional text is added to page 157 which identifies Ngāti Tamakopiri priorities (exact text to be confirmed).
- A further circle 'What's important to protect' is added to include 'Wai (water)'.
- The bush walk image on page 162 is replaced with an image of the gumboot.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/056

That the vision for Turakina is amended "Turakina Māori and Celtic heritage is the identity of the quiet, connected, and beautiful rural village".

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/057

That Action 2.1 for Utiku is amended as follows "Advocate for Waka Kotahi to investigate options for increasing traffic safety through the village and the nearby Toe Toe Road passing lane including:

- A reduced speed limit
- A right hand turning bay into Huia Street
- Trucks turning signs on either end of the village".

Cr G Duncan/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/058

That the following amendments are made for Utiku:

- The macron is removed when referring to Utiku throughout the document.

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/059

That Action 3.2 is amended as follows "Advocate for Waka Kotahi to implement Investigate options for increasing traffic safety improvements through the village."

Cr D Wilson/Mr C Shenton. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/060

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Cr D Wilson/Mr C Shenton. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/061

That the following sentence is added to Connected Communities, Access to Community facilities: Enable the development of essential social services and infrastructure.

Cr D Wilson/Mr C Shenton. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/062

That the following sentence is added to Healthy Communities, Housing that meets a variety of needs: Enable a range of residential activities to be undertaken to meet the needs of the community.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/063

That a new paragraph is included in District Context on page 205 of the draft Community Spatial Plan: “Base Ōhakea is located just across the Rangitīkei River in the Manawatū District. The Airbase is nationally significant defence infrastructure and has a significant workforce, many who call the Rangitīkei home. The ongoing expansion of Base Ōhakea will support ongoing population growth in southern Rangitīkei.”

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/064

That the Te Araroa Trail is added to the map on page 142 of the Rural Rangitīkei section of the draft Community Spatial Plan.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/065

That the following context text to Key Theme 3 Destination Opportunities in the Rural Rangitīkei section on page 146 of the draft Community Spatial Plan “The Te Araroa Trail travels through southern Rangitīkei, and there are a range of cycle trails throughout”.

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/066

That additional commentary is added to District Context on page 205 of the draft Community Spatial Plan “The Te Araroa Trail is a significant pathway that travels through southern Rangitīkei, and the District also has a range of cycle trails that encourage people to explore the Rangitīkei.”

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/067

That an additional matter is added to the Healthy Communities, Connection with nature outcome: “Encourage the development of walking and cycle trails throughout the Rangitīkei and maximise benefits to the local economy”.

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/068

That the yield of each growth area is included in The Details section for each growth area.

HWTM A Watson/Mr C Shenton. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/069

That the natural hazard assessment for MAR04 is amended from yellow to red.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/070

That an additional section for Opaea / Kaiewe is included in the Community Spatial Plan.

Cr G Duncan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/071

That a map, showing the Rangitikei District's location in relation to the Central North Island is added.

HWTM A Watson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/072

That a map showing the natural features in the Rangitikei is added.

HWTM A Watson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/073

That topography maps are added to the Future Growth Area Assessments in The Details section.

Cr G Maughan/Mr C Shenton. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/074

That the most up to date information on Government legislation is incorporated into the document.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/075

That The Details section is updated to reflect the NPS-IB has been approved by parliament and is due to come into effect in August 2023.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

9.2 Policy/Bylaw Work Programme Update

This report was taken as read.

Councillors discussed the smokefree policy, noting the amount of staff resources required for the development of the Long Term Plan.

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/076

That the report 'Policy/Bylaw Work Programme Update' is received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/077

That the Policy/Planning Committee give officers direction to:

- e. Delay a decision on the prioritisation for the development of a smoke/vape free policy until further discussions have occurred with local agencies and reconsider the matter at the October 2023 Policy/Planning Committee meeting.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Strategy/Plan Development and Review Update

The report was taken as read.

Ms Gray noted the strategic framework will be discussed further at the August Council workshop.

Resolved minute number 23/PPL/078

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

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Maughan. Carried

11 Discussion Items

11.1 2024-34 Long Term Plan - Brand and engagement

This item will be discussed at a future Council workshop.

The meeting closed at 4.20pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Policy/Planning Committee held on 21 September 2023.

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Chairperson