

MINUTES

POLICY/PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 13 February 2025

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Paul Sharland
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

Cr Simon Loudon
Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager- Democracy and Planning
Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager- Regulatory and Emergency Management
Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead
Ms Tiffany Gower, Senior Policy Planner
Mrs Janna Harris, Corporate Planner
Mr Bryan Jacobsen, Team Leader Territorial Authority
Ms Kym Skerman, Manager- Events and Venues
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Cr Hiroa opened the meeting with karakia at 2.01pm.

The Chair acknowledged that Cr Sharland has been appointed to the Policy/Planning Committee.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **25/PPL/001**

That the apologies be received from Cr Maughan and Cr Wong.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **25/PPL/002**

That the minutes of Policy/Planning Committee Meeting held on 20 November 2024 **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 G Duncan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report- February 2025

The Chair read her report.

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/003

That the Chair's Report- February 2025 be received.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr G Duncan. Carried

8 Reports for Decision

8.1 Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy

Mrs Harris introduced this policy highlighting that this is due for review and that the changes from Ministry of Business, Employment and Innovation have been incorporated into the draft policy.

Officers responded to questions that the best endeavours are undertaken by officers to contact the property owner before accessing. The wording at section 6.2 in the policy will be updated to reflect this.

Officers responded to questions about defined heritage building and that this will likely be a court process. Council do not have the right to demolish a building however the committee requested clarity if the Chief Executive can demolish a building to preserve life.

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/004

That the report 'Dangerous and Insanitary Building Policy' is received.

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/005

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the Draft Dangerous, Affected, and Insanitary Policy' is adopted for consultation with minor amendment.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr D Wilson. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Economic Update

Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs update

Mr Calkin highlighted the impressive results for the district with the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs programme. The Mayor highlighted that Council is a top performer in this space. The second tranche of funding has been received and passed on to the contractor.

Market Day update

The committee noted the success of this event and noted that it would be beneficial to be able to be replicated across the district. The committee noted the benefit of having Ms Skerman in her role.

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/006

That the report "Economic Update" be received

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Duncan. Carried

9.2 Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan - Implementation Update February 2025

Officers provided an overview on the Resilience Explorer Pilot project being undertaken in Scott's Ferry.

The Mayor advocated for procurement within council to have a greater climate lens and more consideration of greenhouse gas emissions.

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/007

That the 'Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan - Implementation Update February 2025' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

9.3 Strategies/Plans Update

Officers advised that the government is expected to release the back-to-basics by the middle of the year. It is expected that the report will be reflective of the previous national government and the potential for rates capping and performance bench marking for local government.

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/008

That the report Strategies/Plans Update be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/009

That the Policy/Planning Committee receive the efficiency and effectiveness monitoring for the Commercial zone and note it will be made available on Council's website as part of meeting requirements under section 35(2A) of the Resource Management Act 1991

Cr R Lambert/Cr D Wilson. Carried

9.4 Policy and Bylaw Work Programme Update

Officers highlighted the Water Related Services bylaw and that this report will come to the committee in April.

Cr Loudon was appointed to the Policy/Planning Committee at the end of the meeting.

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/010

That the report Policy and Bylaw Work Programme Update be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

The meeting closed at 3.15pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Policy/Planning Committee held on 13 March 2025.

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Chairperson