MINUTES

RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL
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POLICY/PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: **Thursday, 12 March 2026**

Time: **Following Council Workshop**

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

Present
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Alan Buckendahl
Cr John Hainsworth
Cr Sandra Field
Cr Paul Sharland
Cr Graeme O'Fee
Cr Diana Baird
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance
Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Mr Aaron Thorton, Manager – Animal Control
Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Lead
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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Unconfirmed

1 Welcome / Prayer

The Chair opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

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 Reports for Decision

6.1 Review of Council's Control of Dogs Bylaw and Dog Control and Owner Responsibility Policy

Officers responded to questions that the shared animal control service with Manawatū District Council (MDC) highlighted only minor differences between the two councils' approaches, with no significant operational issues.

Resolved minute number 26/PPL/001

That the report 'Review of Council's Control of Dogs Bylaw and Dog Control and Owner Responsibility Policy' is received.

Cr P Hiroa/HWTM A Watson. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/PPL/002

That the Policy/Planning Committee expresses its appreciation to those people who provided responses to the pre-engagement survey on the operation of the Dog Control and Owner Responsibility Policy and Control of Dogs Bylaw.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried

Unconfirmed

Resolved minute number 26/PPL/003

That the Policy/Planning Committee makes a determination under section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002 that a bylaw for the control of dogs is the most appropriate way of addressing the problems of managing dogs in the Rangitīkei District and to give effect to the requirements of the Dog Control Act 1996, noting that section 10(6) of the Dog Control Act 1996 requires the Council to make a bylaw to enforce its Dog Control and Owner Responsibility Policy.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/PPL/004

That the Policy/Planning Committee direct officers to make amendments to the Control of Dogs Bylaw and the Dog Control and Owner Responsibility Policy, and that a draft Bylaw and Policy along with consultation material are brought back to the Committee for its consideration at a later date.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/PPL/005

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that it extends the date for the review of the Dog Control and Owner Responsibility Policy from 26 May 2026 to 26 November 2026 to allow consultation on proposed amendments to the Policy to be undertaken.

Cr J Wong/HWTM A Watson. Carried

The meeting closed at 1.25pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Policy/Planning Committee held on 5 November 2026.

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Chairperson

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