

MINUTES

POLICY/PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 11 April 2024

Time: 1.30pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Greg Maughan

In attendance

Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Fi Dalgety
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager-Community
Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager- Regulatory Services
Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development
Mrs Tiffany Gower, Senior Policy Planner
Ms Janna Isles, Corporate Planner
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Cr Hiroa opened the meeting at 1.35pm with karakia.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 24/PPL/013

Apologies received from HWTM Andy Watson and Chris Shenton.

Cr Hiroa/Cr G Maughan. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

That the Chair read her report via zoom.

Resolved minute number 24/PPL/014

That the minutes of Policy/Planning Committee Meeting held on 15 February 2024 **as amended** 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/Cr R Lambert. Carried

7 Reports for Information

7.1 Chair's Report

The Chair read her report.

Resolved minute number 24/PPL/015

That the Chair's Report be received.

Cr Hiroa/Cr G Duncan. Carried

7.2 Urban Growth Plan Change - Efficiency and Effectiveness Monitoring Update

Ms Gower took councillors through this item and presented on this.

Ms Gower spoke of the consenting and new builds within the district and showed that the 2021 and 2022 years were high.

The committee questioned the process for undersized lots. Ms Gower responded that this more difficult, but the District Plan does provide a process.

Ms Gower answered that council does have a height restriction in the residential zone and that this is two storeys and two-three storeys for commercial.

Councillors noted frustration that council has missed the opportunity for the rural subdivision due to restrictions on one and two soils.

Resolved minute number 24/PPL/016

That the report 'Urban Growth Plan Change - Efficiency and Effectiveness Monitoring Update' be received

Cr G Maughan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

7.3 Policy/Bylaw Work Programme UpdateFlying Drones Policy

Ms Isles responded to questions that the CCA rules outlines how people can use drones, but the policy provides permission for council land without having to seek permission every time.

Policy Schedule

The Procurement Policy is due for review in 2024 and given the number of capital works and the build programme the committee requested that this come forward and that there be urgency on this. Ms Gray responded that this is currently under active review.

Bylaw Register

Ms Gray responded that the reason for letting the Bylaw for Bungy Jumping to lapse is that this is bylaw is no longer required.

Resolved minute number 24/PPL/017

That the report 'Policy/Bylaw Work Programme update' be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

7.4 Economic Wellbeing Update

Town Centre Revitalisation Better off Funding

Mr Calkin spoke of the work being on pause for the Marton library due to the services being moved and would like endorsement from the committee to continue work in Bulls and Taihape.

The committee noted there was confusion between the Better off Funding for Marton and the Long-Term Plan decision on the Marton Main Street Upgrade.

Ms Gray responded that there are number of plans that will feed into this work, but the focus will be looking at small scale projects, signage, and storytelling.

Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs

Mr Calkin responded to questions regarding the economic downturn and the impact this might have on the programme. The contractor has not reported on anything explicit in relation to this. This can be raised at the next catch-up with the contractor.

Mr Calkin noted that staff and council continue to advocate for this programme.

Resolved minute number 24/PPL/018

That the report "Economic Wellbeing Update" be received

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/PPL/019

That the Policy/Planning Committee endorse the amendments to the Town Centre Revitalisation project with Marton delayed until 2025/2026 and Taihape and Bulls to be completed concurrently in 2024/2025.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

7.5 Strategy/Plan Development and Review Update

Ms Gray responded to questions that the Economic Strategy will be reviewed by the end of 2024 and that the Heritage Strategy review will start late 2024.

Resolved minute number 24/PPL/020

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

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Duncan. Carried

7.6 Coalition Government Action Plan 1 April - 30 June 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/PPL/021

That the report 'Coalition Government Action Plan 1 April - 30 June 2024' be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

8 Discussion Items

8.1 Submission to the Horizons Regional Council 2024-34 Long Term Plan

Highly Productive Land

Horizons do have guidance for what is considered Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL) and that this aligns with the soil and versatility of the soil for food production.

Public Transport

Cr Wong spoke on this item that there will be increased links for Marton and that Marton will be well serviced in this plan.

Cr Wong responded to a question that there is consideration of a shuttle type service.

Natural Hazard Data

Ms Gray noted that some areas in the region have good flood model data but one of the recommendations from Council is that Horizons complete other natural hazard data for the district. There was support from the committee regarding this.

National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

The committee was concerned that when Horizons went to the community that there had been no economic study undertaken. The committee was concerned about the regulations imposed on sheep and beef farming and therefore would encourage a delay.

Cr Wong noted an email circulated from Cr Loudon on air quality and whether this should be included in council's submission. Cr Wong noted that there were some concerns in the northern ward regarding fireplaces and the air quality.

Ms Gray will circulate the dates when feedback is required back alongside the draft submission.

Resolved minute number 24/PPL/022

That the report 'Submission to the Horizons Regional Council 2024-34 Long Term Plan' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

The meeting closed at 3.29pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Policy/Planning Committee held on 13 June 2024.

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Chairperson