

MINUTES

POLICY/PLANNING HEARINGS MEETING

Date: Thursday, 25 July 2024

Time: 11.15am

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
- Cr Jeff Wong (Zoom)
- HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

- Cr Paul Sharland
- Cr Coral Raukawa
- Cr Simon Loudon
- Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager- Democracy and Planning
- Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development
- Mrs Janna Harris, Corporate Planner
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Cr Hiroa opened the meeting at 11.15am.

2 Apologies

No apologies received but acknowledging Cr Wong is on zoom for the meeting.

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Hiroa declared a conflict of interest with the verbal submission from Mokai Patea Services submission #03.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Reports for Information

6.1 Hearing of Submissions on the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/PPL/039

That the report 'Hearing of Submissions on the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy' be received.

Cr R Lambert/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Submitter's Organisation, Submission number and name	Summary of topic and context	Summary of key questions posted by Elected Members and responses
Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora, Samuel Yorston #07	Mr Yorston spoke positively of the policy and highlighted their recommendations made in the written submission.	<p>Cr Lambert: Are the QR codes in place anywhere else?</p> <p>Answer: Not currently, but the project is underway. Palmerston North City Council, Tararua District Council, Whanganui District Council, Horizons Regional Council, and others are currently looking at this.</p> <p>Cr Raukawa: Will signage be in Māori and Pasifika?</p> <p>Answer: Yes</p> <p>Cr Duncan: Does Health NZ have the capacity to follow up on any offending that is reported?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, Health NZ have smokefree environmental officers.</p> <p>Cr Duncan: Health NZ are accumulating information on youth offenders, how long will the information be held for?</p> <p>Answer: This information is not personalised and is in fact for businesses and distributors complying.</p> <p>HWTM: Vaping shops have a separate business second door into the premise but under the same registered premise. Are these separate businesses?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, they are a specialised vape retailer.</p> <p>Cr Loudon: Vaping is better for households than smoking, how does that relate to the desire for Council premises to be vape-free?</p> <p>Answer: We see vaping as a harm reduction tool for smokers, however, those who have never smoked are now vaping which is the problem.</p>

		<p>Cr Raukawa: Is there enforcement of fines to distributors?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, for distributors they can be given a fine on the spot and then possibly taken through the courts.</p>
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<p>Mokai Patea Services, Melaine Pera #03</p>	<p>Cr Hiroa declared a conflict of interest with this item.</p> <p>Ms Pera spoke positively of the policy and the work Mokai Patea does in the community toward whanau being autonomous with their wellbeing.</p>	<p>Cr Duncan: Should Council adopt this policy, this will support events in the rohe?</p> <p>Answer: Absolutely, all our policies align with smokefree and vapefree across properties.</p> <p>Cr Lambert: Do you give people a timeline as to when they need to move to the lollies from the vape?</p> <p>Answer: People do move at their own speed but there is encouragement, guidance, and support.</p> <p>Cr Loudon: Do you coordinate with the DHB?</p> <p>Answer: Our closest interaction is with our local NRT supplier who is based at Taihape Health Limited. We are interested in working with Te Whatu Ora as a provision of information and resource to our community.</p>
<p>Jo Rangooni #13</p>	<p>Spoke of the concern of lobbyist to influence decision making and was supportive of Council leadership with this policy.</p>	<p>Cr Sharland: With the introduction of new legislation and signs, will we see this working?</p> <p>Answer: Awareness is always good and vapefree and smokefree is positive. There should be no smoking in sports grounds and cars, there is also a lot of misinformation evidence base decision.</p> <p>Cr Duncan: Would you like more education and information?</p> <p>Answer: If you don't try and don't put information out then this is more of a problem.</p>

The meeting closed at 11.43am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Policy/Planning Committee held on 15 August 2024.

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Chairperson