

Minutes of a meeting of the Strategic Planning and Development Committee held in the Council Chambers, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on 3 June 2008 commencing at 9.00am

1 PRESENT

Councillor GRP Webber - Chairperson

Members

Councillors – EH Barnes, MEH Cox, GH Jull, EC Newlands, GG Scaramuzza, DL Sharpe, GW Simmons, BJ Taranaki, BS Thomas and Iwi Representative, Gaylene Roberts.

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Other

Group Manger, Policy & Strategy, R McNeil
Committee Secretary, S King

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

3/08/09

That the apologies for non attendance from Mayor Livingston, Councillor Lee & Councillor Hoverd be received.

Cr Scaramuzza/ Cr Thomas

3 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-12

RESOLVED

3/08/10

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Cr Jull / Cr Taranaki

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 01-85-30

Minutes of Meeting held on 6 May 2008 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

3/08/11

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2008, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Cr Cox / Cr Barnes

6 HEART OF TE AWAMUTU PROJECT

File: 01-23-01

Group Manager Policy & Strategy Ross McNeil advised that the project has now completed a draft design and the Heart Of Te Awamutu Steering Group (HOTA) will present their concept at a workshop following this meeting.

He said that there is a need for a special meeting of this committee in the near future to allow the formalisation of those recommendations, which will be followed by a period of public consultation. It was acknowledged that there has been a delay of three/four months from the original timeline.

In response to a question regarding the delay and added cost that would occur because of the delay, the Committee were advised that the delay was due to the extensive community consultation that has taken place which was crucial to the success of the project.

RESOLVED

3/08/12

That the information be received.

Cr Jull / Cr Newlands

7 FUTUREPROOF (SUB-REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY GROUP)

File: 01-69-23

Group Manager Policy & Strategy Ross McNeil advised that the Sub-Regional Growth Strategy has been branded 'FutureProof: Knowing Our Future By Planning Today'.

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He said that the vision was finalised in a joint-council workshop which included input from communications staff and all participating Councils before a final decision was made by the Sub-Regional Growth Strategy Group.

Areas to the east of Hamilton which lay outside the geographical area of the Group had been identified as being required to be considered as part of the strategy in order that a complete picture could be established. This has resulted in Matamata-Piako being invited to contribute to the project and being involved in the process, however the decision making structure will not change.

The Group were investigating the representation and involvement of tangata whenua as any Regional development would include the Waikato River.. The tangata whenua perceptions studies have been put on hold pending the representation investigation.

Councillor Taranaki left the meeting at 9.36am.

Discussion on the use of the term “rural communities” in the vision was held and the alternative “rural towns and communities” was felt to be more representative.

Councillor Taranaki rejoined the meeting at 9.39am.

The Sub-Regional Retail Strategy has drawn on the work previously commissioned in the Waipa area. The summary findings have been released which show that the amount of retail space in the Waikato Region is greater than New Zealand’s top eight centres combined. There will be continued demand, for example in the Rukuhia/Ohaupo areas, for residential housing due to population growth.

There is a considerable amount of research work that is being undertaken and needs to be drawn together quickly, once growth strategy options have been developed and sent to the Group. The information from the summary findings has yet to be considered by the Group, therefore the broader study is classified draft at this time.

Councillor Cox requested a copy of the report once the process is complete and the information is made formally available.

RESOLVED

3/08/13

That the information be received.

Cr Newlands / Cr Scaramuzza

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.58am.

CHAIRPERSON: _____

DATE: _____