

**1 PRESENT**

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Councillor GRP Webber - Chairperson

**Members**

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston; Councillors – EH Barnes, MEC Cox, LWE Hoverd, GH Jull, PL Lee, EC Newlands, DL Sharpe, GW Simmons, BJ Taranaki, and Iwi Representative, G Roberts.

**Public**

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**Others**

Deputy Chief Executive, G Dyet [from Item 7]; Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil; Project Manager – District Plan Review, F Hill [from Item 7]; Strategic Planning Manager, G Knighton [from Item 7]; Committee Secretary, S King.

**2 APOLOGIES**

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**RESOLVED**

3/08/29

*That the apologies for non attendance from Councillors Scaramuzza & Thomas, and the apology for lateness from Councillor Barnes, be received.*

Mayor Livingston / Cr Lee

**3 LATE ITEMS**

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There were no late items.

**4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING**

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File: 01-85-12

**RESOLVED**

3/08/30

*That the order of the meeting be confirmed.*

Cr Taranaki / Cr Simmons

**5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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File: 01-85-30

**Minutes of Meeting held on 5 August 2008 were included in the agenda.**

**RESOLVED**

3/08/31

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2008, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.*

Cr Jull / Mayor Livingston

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**6 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW PROJECT**

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File: 65-06-36

Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil provided an overview of the project and advised that a summary of the background research information is currently being finalised.

A significant issue to be considered is Tangata Whenua involvement. Given the nature and scope of the project, it is critical that local Iwi are involved early and extensively. A model is now in place for Future Proof with representatives at all levels of that project.

At District Plan/Growth Strategy level, establishing a separate reference group to be used as a conduit is one option that is being considered. This could take a form similar to the Iwi Consultative Committee but one which meets more regularly. Another option is a liaison person to support Council and act as a link to local Iwi/hapu. Guidance on this issue would be sought from the Iwi Consultative Committee and Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa.

Councillor Barnes joined the meeting at 9.12am.

In response to a question on the decision making process, Mr McNeil explained that the decision making responsibility rests with Council through the Strategic Planning and Development Committee. However, the Council also has an obligation during the process to consult with Iwi and other stakeholders to ensure all views/perspectives are fully considered before decisions are made.

**RESOLVED**

3/08/32

*That the information be received.*

Cr Sharpe / Cr Simmons

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**7 CENTRAL CAMBRIDGE CHARACTER AREA**

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File: 65-06-36

Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil outlined the progress made since this matter was last considered by the Committee. He commented on heritage as a key aspect of urban design, and the subsequent notification of resource consent applications to Councillors as a means of monitoring the nature of development proposals in central Cambridge. Hamilton City Council have begun using an urban design outcomes model. An Urban Design Panel ensures that their regulatory processes are aligned with the Urban Design guidelines.

In response to a question on the composition of a panel, Mr McNeil advised it consists of outside professionals whose advice is independent of Council, but consistent with achieving good urban design outcomes.

Currently Waipa's Regulatory Committee members can provide input on signage and colour of buildings but not on the design. The establishment of a panel in line with a defined policy and appropriate District Plan provisions to ensure compliance was discussed.

Mr McNeil advised that Council has a Heritage Policy and Implementation Strategy. He advised that there is a need to look at the Policy to see if it is still relevant and serving the best needs of the community. He advised that the Policy would be reviewed as a precursor to the District Plan review, but its heritage objectives would need to be reflected as rules in the Plan before it could be used as a regulatory tool.

Councillor Hoverd left the meeting at 9.36am and rejoined the meeting at 9.38am.

**RESOLVED**

3/08/33

*That the information be received.*

Cr Lee / Cr Jull

**RESOLVED**

3/08/34

*That a report on the implementation of Council's Heritage Policy and Implementation Strategy be prepared for consideration.*

Cr Taranaki / Cr Cox

The meeting adjourned for the morning tea break at 10.04am and recommenced at 10.23am.

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**8 HEART OF TE AWAMUTU - UPDATE**

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File: 01-23-01

Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil advised that the Heart of Te Awamutu (HOTA) Steering Group was established to develop a draft concept plan and prioritised list of projects. The Group's role was completed when it reported back to the Strategic Planning and Development Committee. Cr Cox supported the continuation of the Group to progress the implementation of the HOTA plan.

Mr McNeil advised a decision is required as to whether the Steering Group needs to be reconvened and, if so, what its role would be.

**RESOLVED**

3/08/35

*That*

- a) *Council acknowledge the work done by the Steering Group; and,*
- b) *that the Steering Group reconvene to progress the planning, prioritisation and implementation of the various projects in the overall HOTA priority list; and,*
- c) *that the Steering Group works with the community to achieve those goals.*

Cr Cox / Cr Taranaki.

It was noted that the issue of the heavy vehicles and the bylaw is resolved. The consequence of that decision impacted on the associated projects such as the Mutu Street rehabilitation, which have been removed from the project list. The surface of Mutu Street still needs to be maintained and, while this was included in the scope of the current budget, staff will work to accommodate it in the overall road maintenance budget. If this can be achieved, the balance of the current year's budget of \$630,000 not used for the Walk of Fame would be available for an enhancement of Alexandra Street.

**RESOLVED**

3/08/36

*That the information be received.*

Cr Barnes / Cr Simmons

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**9 FUTURE PROOF (SUB-REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY)**

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File: 01-69-23

**The Developer Perception Reports were included in the agenda.**

Councillor Barnes left the meeting at 11.01am and rejoined the meeting at 11.04am.

Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil provided an overview of Tangata Whenua engagement in the Future Proof representation model which has now been confirmed. All of the appointments have been made.

Strategic Planning Manager, G Knighton outlined the research outputs, including the developer perception reports. He noted that the price of industrial land in Hamilton is well above market sustainability and that in the residential market, there is a large gap between affordable pricing and asking prices.

The future alignment of Waipa's District Growth Strategy and Long Term Council Community Plan to the Sub-Regional Growth Strategy was discussed.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES  
2 SEPTEMBER 2008**

The Committee were reminded of the process being followed and the timing of scenario consultation in October prior to preparing a draft Growth Strategy for public consultation concurrently with the draft 10-year Plans of partner Councils.

Councillor Cox left the meeting at 11.22am and rejoined the meeting at 11.23am.

**RESOLVED**

3/08/37

*That the information be received.*

Cr Hoverd / Cr Barnes

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.38am.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD**

CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_