

Minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Planning & Development Committee held at the Waipa District Council Chambers, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on 2 December 2008 commencing at 9.00am.

1 PRESENT

The Chief Executive explained that due to the apology for non attendance from Councillor Webber that a Chairperson would need to be elected for this meeting, and called for nominations.

There was only one nomination which was for Deputy Mayor Lee.

RESOLVED

3/08/52

That Deputy Mayor Lee be elected Chairperson for this meeting due to the apology for non attendance from Councillor GRP Webber.

Mayor Livingston / Councillor Scaramuzza

Chairperson

Councillor PL Lee

Members

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston; Councillors – MEH Cox, LWE Hoverd, GH Jull, EC Newlands [from 9.19am], GG Scaramuzza, DL Sharpe, GW Simmons, BJ Taranaki, BS Thomas, and Iwi Representative, G Roberts.

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Others

Chief Executive, J Inglis; Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil; Project Manager – District Plan Review, F Hill; Strategic Planning Manager, G Knighton; Committee Secretary, S King.

2 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no disclosures.

3 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

3/08/53

That the apology for non attendance from Councillor Barnes and Councillor Webber be received.

Councillor Cox / Councillor Thomas

4 LATE ITEMS

The Chief Executive advised Members of the urgent request from Rowing New Zealand and the time commitments that required this item to be included as a late item.

RESOLVED

3/08/54

That the request from Rowing New Zealand be included as a late item.

Councillor Cox / Councillor Jull

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-12

RESOLVED

3/08/55

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Councillor Thomas / Councillor Taranaki

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 01-85-30

Minutes of Meeting held on 4 November 2008 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

3/08/56

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2008, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Councillor Scaramuzza / Councillor Sharpe

7 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW PROJECT – UPDATE WAIPA 2050

File: 65-06-36

Report of Project Manager – District Plan Review, F Hill dated 25 November 2008 was included in the agenda. Copies of the submissions received were provided bound separately.

The Committee considered the written submissions, in between hearing the verbal submissions, that were not being supported by verbal presentations to ensure that members were aware of and understood the issues raised in the submissions.

The following individuals/groups that wished to make a verbal presentation in support of their submissions were heard.

- Murray Green

Councillor Newlands joined the meeting at 9.19am.

- Jane Sinclair
- Alan Hall (Pirongia Residents & Ratepayers Association)
- Moira Cursney (Waikato Biodiversity Forum)

The meeting adjourned for the morning tea break at 10.04am and reconvened at 10.17am.

- Mark Chrisp (Environmental Management Services)
 - Grantchester Farms
 - Fonterra Co-operative Group Ltd
 - TjL Heritage Ltd
 - Wangfu Property Development Ltd

Councillor Taranaki left the meeting at 11.05am and rejoined the meeting at 11.07am.

- Antanas Procuta, Julie Epps & Peter Carr (Cambridge Chamber of Commerce)
- John McLaren (Active Transport Cambridge & TA)
- Brian Mayo

Councillor Cox left the meeting at 11.52am. Councillor Newlands left the meeting at 11.55am. Committee Member Roberts left the meeting at 12.00pm.

- Peter Findlay

Councillor Cox rejoined the meeting at 12.05pm. Committee Member Roberts rejoined the meeting at 12.07pm.

- Mike Lord (Perry Group Limited)

Mayor Livingston left the meeting at 12.10pm.

- Miles Andrews (NZ Transport Agency)

Councillor Scaramuzza left the meeting at 12.35pm and rejoined the meeting at 12.37pm. Mayor Livingston rejoined the meeting at 12.37pm.

- Urlwyn Trebilco (Environment Waikato - Policy Group & Land Transport Group)
- Heather Anne Lang and Clare St Pierre (Pirongia Tourism Association / Pirongia Te Aroaro o Kahu Restoration Society)

Councillor Newlands rejoined the meeting at 12.49pm.

- James Ashton (Ashton Family Trust)
- Jenny Hudson (McDonald's Restaurants)
- Matt Hanna (Lewis' Barristers & Solicitors)
- Chris Koroheke

The meeting adjourned for the lunch break at 1.29pm and reconvened at 2.00pm.

Mayor Livingston, Councillors Jull & Scaramuzza did not rejoin the meeting at that time.

Project Manager – District Plan Review, F Hill continued reading the submissions that were not being supported by verbal presentations.

Mayor Livingston & Councillor Scaramuzza rejoined the meeting at 2.04pm. Councillor Cox rejoined the meeting at 2.07pm.

Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil commented on the impact of the submissions on Section 7 of the report regarding a proposed way forward. He said that the majority of the public feedback supported scenario 2, but with certain elements from scenario 3. He suggested that this pointed to a preferred scenario based on scenario 2, but incorporating elements of scenario 3.

In response to questions about achieving for higher residential densities, Mr McNeil said that the process for developing the town concept plans would consider where higher density can realistically occur. He also said that in some areas it would not be appropriate to intensify the current density due to the existing character. He noted that the overall aim was still higher densities but this could not be achieved by a blanket approach, therefore the town concept plans could be expected to show areas of high, medium and low density.

Councillor Taranaki left the meeting at 2.52pm and rejoined the meeting at 2.57pm.

Members discussed the submissions relating to the growth cells and the impact of incorporating these areas in terms of infrastructure requirements.

RESOLVED

3/08/57

That:

- a) *The information be received; and,*
- b) *Having regard to the submissions, growth scenario evaluation workshop outcomes and other supporting information, the Strategic Planning and Development Committee confirmed that its preferred growth scenario be based on Scenario 2 (Managed Growth to Urban Areas) with the inclusion of the following elements from Scenario 3:*
 - *promoting more active modes of transport to reduce car dependence;*
 - *greater focus on water conservation and 'green' engineering standards for development;*
 - *consider specific enclave development in rural areas, such as peat lake catchments, where greater environmental outcomes can be achieved;*

and that this information be used to prepare a proposed draft Waipa District Growth Strategy for consideration in February 2009.

Councillor Cox / Councillor Hoverd

8 FUTURE PROOF UPDATE

File: 01-69-23

Strategic Planning Manager, G Knighton provided an update on the sub-regional growth strategy project and the submission process currently underway. He advised that more than 60 submissions would be considered by a hearings committee of the Joint Committee later in the month, and the outcome of this would inform the preparation of the draft Growth Strategy. A proposed draft Strategy is expected to be available for consideration by partner councils in February 2009.

Mr Knighton advised that the mechanisms for implementing the Growth Strategy were currently being considered. A key tool will be the Regional Policy Statement, which is currently under review. He noted that the level of detail which could be included in Environment Waikato's regional policy statement has prompted two schools of thought, but this was a matter for which further consideration and evaluation would be required before a final position could be reached.

RESOLVED

3/08/58

That the information be received.

Councillor Taranaki / Councillor Simmons

Item 10 was taken at this time.

9 HEART OF TE AWAMUTU PROJECT – PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORKS FOR THE ALEXANDRA STREET ENHANCEMENT

File: 01-23-01/01

RESOLVED

3/08/59

That

- a) *the information be received; and,*
- b) *the proposed scope of works for the Alexandra Street enhancement project (as presented below) be approved.*

Councillor Cox / Councillor Jull

Activity	Element(s) / Description	Cost (\$)	Comment
Maintenance	Fix broken kerbs and areas of poor paving	\$30,000	Needs to be completed (this work was included in the original project signalled in the 2006 10-year Plan (LTCCP))
Drainage	Install catch-pits and remove grating	\$50,000	Not completing will significantly reduce the quality of the finish

Paving	Churchill Street to the end of the Courier Building – matching paving	\$50,000	Changes to business operations in this area are likely to see enhanced retail activities
Paving	Feature areas – likely to be focused around seating and pedestrian crossing areas	\$25,000	Removal/replacement of seating will necessitate restoration of paving
Lighting*	Median – triple globes	\$70,000	*Investigate renewing road side lighting – not provided for in proposed scope due to budget constraints
Street furniture	Litter Bins	\$22,000	
	Seats	\$45,000	
	Fencing (feature/seating areas)	\$45,000	Separate pedestrian space from road
Estimated construction cost (including contingency)		\$345,000	
Estimated design and project management costs		\$30,000	
Consultation / communication		\$5,000	
Estimated total cost		\$380,000	

10 WAIKATO BROADBAND

File: 01-91-34

Report of Strategic Planning Manager, G Knighton dated 13 November 2008 was included in the agenda.

Councillor Newlands left the meeting at 3.31pm.

Mr Knighton said that Whole of Waikato High Speed Broadband Governance Group are developing a strategic overview of how broadband services can be improved in the region and that a resolution is required to endorse that Council continue to be part of the Group. He noted that no financial commitment was required at this time and any proposals would be referred to Council in due course for consideration.

Councillor Newlands rejoined the meeting at 3.35pm.

RESOLVED

3/08/60

That

- a) *The report of the Strategic Planning Manager dated 13 November 2008 be received; and,*
- b) *The Strategic Planning and Development Committee endorse the Whole of Waikato High Speed Broadband Governance Group to develop a strategy that is appropriate for the region; and,*
- c) *The Strategic Planning and Development Committee endorse Waipa District Council's involvement in the group.*

Councillor Scaramuzza / Councillor Sharpe

11 MEETING SCHEDULE 2009

File: 01-85-30

RESOLVED

3/08/61

That in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7 Clause 19(6)(i) the Strategic Planning & Development Committee adopts the following schedule of meeting dates for 2009 (generally being the first Tuesday of every month except for January) –

3 February

3 March

7 April

5 May

2 June

7 July

4 August

1 September

6 October

3 November

1 December

Councillor Jull / Councillor Simmons

Item 9 was taken at this time.

12 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

File: 01-37-01
(Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987)

RESOLVED

3/08/62

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

Mayor Livingston / Councillor Newlands

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item No	Minutes/Report of:	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
13	No papers	Rowing New Zealand	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No		
13	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 7(2) (i)

13 ROWING NEW ZEALAND

This item was considered with the public excluded.

The public were readmitted to the meeting at 12.44pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.20pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE: _____