

Minutes of a meeting of the Strategic Planning & Development Committee held in the Council Chambers, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Tuesday 2 June 2009 commencing at 9.00am.

1 PRESENT

Councillor GRP Webber - Chairperson

Members

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston; Councillors – EH Barnes, GH Jull, PL Lee, GG Scaramuzza, DL Sharpe, GW Simmons, BJ Taranaki, BS Thomas.

Public

There was one member of the public and one member of the press in attendance.

Others

Group Manager – Strategic Policy & Planning, R McNeil; Council Consultant Planner, R Douch; Planning Services Manager, W Allan; 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 of members' interests.

3 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

3/09/70

That the apologies for non attendance from Councillor Cox, Councillor Hoverd; the apology for lateness for Councillor Barnes; the apology for early departure from Councillor Scaramuzza; and the late apology for non attendance from G Roberts be received.

Councillor Thomas / Councillor Sharpe

4 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

Mayor Livingston joined the meeting at 9.04am.

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-12

RESOLVED

3/09/71

That the order of the meeting be confirmed, with item 8 before item 7.

Councillor Simmons / Councillor Taranaki

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 01-85-30

Minutes of Meeting held on 5 May 2009 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

3/09/72

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings, subject to the following change:

- *Last sentence of the second paragraph under Ngahinapouri to be changed from “around the hall” to read “around the Church”;*

Mayor Livingston / Councillor Sharpe

Item 8 was taken before item 7.

7 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW PROJECT (WAIPA 2050) – UPDATE: DRAFT GROWTH STRATEGY

File: 65-06-36

Group Manager – Strategic Policy & Planning said that staff have acted on the Committee’s previous recommendations and have amended the draft District Growth Strategy accordingly. Project Manager – District Plan Review said staff will highlight the changes made and then work through the document to ensure that the proposed changes reflected the direction provided by the Committee and addressed the matters that were raised during the submission process.

Introductory & General Sections

Members discussed the security of power supply amendment and the impact of loss of supply to industrial, commercial and agricultural based businesses. Members agreed that the amendment covered this issue.

Members discussed the identification of future aggregate and mineral resources, the need for a regional approach and commercial sensitivity aspects. Members agreed that this issue was covered within the Strategy. Members then discussed the amendments as recommended by Tangata Whenua and sought to ensure consistency with the Future Proof strategy. Mayor Livingston queried the heading and details under “Sport and Major Events” and members felt that the venues should take precedence with major events shown as examples.

RESOLVED

3/09/73

That the wording in item 3.2 Tourism is changed to read “Venues and Events” instead of “Sport and Major Events”.

Mayor Livingston / Councillor Lee

Councillor Taranaki said that 'maunga' means mountain and to have reference to Mount Maungatautari was inappropriate. She requested a removal of the word Mount.

Mayor Livingston queried the location of the 'Indigenous Community / Tangata Whenua Community / Tangata Whenua' and suggested that a more appropriate place could be identified. Councillor Webber queried if the NZ Government had ratified the UN draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2006.

RESOLVED

3/09/74

That the paragraph referenced as 4.1.1 be transferred into the Tangata Whenua section.

Mayor Livingston / Councillor Sharpe

The meeting adjourned for the morning tea break at 9.58am and reconvened at 10.22am. Councillors Lee & Scaramuzza did not rejoin the meeting at that time.

Project Manager – District Plan Review said that a page including the Climate Change statement was missing from the document provided to the Committee.

RESOLVED

3/09/75

That the missing page from the Amended Draft District Growth Strategy be received.

Councillor Webber / Councillor Thomas

Mayor Livingston said that the theme appeared disjointed with the inclusion of the climate change section and the Project Manager – District Plan Review said that a more appropriate location might be section four "Context".

RESOLVED

3/09/76

That the paragraph on climate change be moved into section four "Context".

Councillor Jull / Mayor Livingston

Mayor Livingston queried the appropriateness of the term 'steep hill country' on page 20 in reference to the Waipa District, and Council's Consultant Planner said that this reference would be deleted. Mayor Livingston then commented on suggested wording changes for clarification. Members agreed that the proposed changes were appropriate.

Cambridge

Members discussed text changes to the Cambridge section, referrals to the Cambridge town concept plan and the timing of future reviews of the Growth Strategy.

Project Manager – District Plan Review sought to confirm the Committee’s preference for designation of cell ‘C6’. Members discussed the servicing of cell ‘C6’ in relation to the un-serviced nature of the adjoining cell.

RESOLVED

3/09/77

That the Strategic Policy & Planning Committee

- a) *Rescind resolution 3/09/36; and,*
- b) *recommend a reduction of the size of the proposed Growth Cell ‘C6’ to no more than 60 hectares;*
- c) *recommend that its future use be un-serviced residential;*
- d) *recommend that the timing of the development be subject to the provision of appropriate infrastructure; and,*
- e) *recommend that this be reflected in the confirmed District Growth Strategy.*

Councillor Sharpe / Councillor Taranaki

RESOLVED

3/09/78

That the Strategic Planning & Development Committee recommend that staff prepare a report to the Committee in regard to the servicing of the cell ‘C6’.

Councillor Webber / Councillor Taranaki

Planning Services Manager joined the meeting to provide the Committee with an update of the ‘Bilimag’ plan change legal process and advised that there were no further legal avenues for the appellant.

Members discussed sand winning within the District, and the Future Proof recommendation to include the Cambridge Golf Course within the urban limits which conflicted with the Committee’s earlier resolution. Group Manager – Strategic Policy & Planning said that any future development of the land should be subject to the primary purpose of the land remaining as a golf course and this was best addressed through the District Plan.

RESOLVED

3/09/79

That the Strategic Planning & Development Committee

- a) *rescind resolution 3/09/37; and,*
- b) *recommend that Cambridge Golf Club be included within the Cambridge urban limits.*

Mayor Livingston / Councillor Lee

Members discussed the servicing implications if the allocated 90 hectares were shared between both Hautapu Industrial and cell 'C8'. Mayor Livingston noted that the indicated area included the Hautapu cemetery as industrial and the maps should be adjusted accordingly.

Te Awamutu

Project Manager – District Plan Review said that staff were concerned from a servicing point of view that many different areas were potentially able to progress simultaneously and members debated the constraining of development due to the availability of water. Group Manager – Strategic Policy & Planning said that if the Committee believed it was good planning to signal multiple growth areas then the provision and timing of the necessary infrastructure would be governed by the 10-year Plan, which would balance capacity constraints/requirements, development expectations and affordability.

The meeting adjourned for the lunch break at 12.12pm and reconvened at 12.26pm.

Pirongia

Members discussed the tourist focus of the village and the constraint of commercial operations.

Airport / Mystery Creek

Members discussed the Southern Links project, the strategic importance of providing for future airport development needs and identification of the areas given consideration. The Committee noted that these matter would be considered as part of the FutureProof Southern Sector (Rukuhia Area) study.

Ohaupo

Members discussed the timing of cells, the development of cell 'O2' ahead of cell 'O1' and the separation of Meadowlands and Bohemian Place.

RESOLVED

3/09/80

That the Strategic Planning & Development Committee recommend:

- a) *Bohemian Place and Meadowlands Subdivision be separated into separate cells, and that Bohemian Place be shown within the current village boundary;*
- b) *that cell 'O2' is designated as a Stage One cell; and,*
- c) *that the reference to 80% completion be removed from cell 'O2'.*

Councillor Sharpe / Mayor Livingston

Ngahinapouri

Members discussed resolution 3/09/53 from the minutes of the last meeting and determined that the Committee's intent was not accurately reflected regarding growth cell 'N5'.

Councillor Scaramuzza rejoined the meeting at 1.17pm.

The resolution stated that cell 'N5' was to be changed to stage two, but the intent of the Committee was that the cell remain as stage three and members felt that it would be more appropriate to clarify this with a further resolution.

RESOLVED

3/09/81

That the Strategic Planning & Development Committee recommend that proposed growth cell 'N5' remain as Stage Three.

Councillor Thomas / Mayor Livingston

Members discussed the possible inclusion within the village of the area directly north of the current village boundary.

RESOLVED

3/09/82

That the Strategic Planning & Development Committee recommend that the area immediately north of the current village boundary, being bound by Mangahia Stream, Duncan Road and Karakamea Road, be included within the village boundary.

Councillor Sharpe / Councillor Thomas

Rukuhia

Members discussed the impact of the Southern Sector (Rukuhia area) Study and the Southern Links and felt that the growth cells were generally affected by the Study.

Karapiro

Members then moved on to consider the density of cell 'K1' and in particular the Karapiro Farm Park development.

RESOLVED

3/09/83

That the Strategic Planning & Development Committee recommend that the Karapiro Farm Park Development be shown separately as a Stage One cell.

Councillor Webber / Mayor Livingston

RESOLVED

3/09/84

That the Strategic Planning & Development Committee recommend that the balance of cell 'K1' remain as rural residential.

Councillor Webber / Councillor Sharpe

Group Manager – Strategic Policy & Planning said that the next phase of the deliberations was to confirm the information/recommendations contained in the schedule of submitters and if any issues identified by members or staff that have not been covered in earlier resolutions, then these would be addressed.

Project Manager – District Plan Review went through the schedule.

Mayor Livingston said that submission 45 was not declined as such and requested the word be removed.

In response to a question on submission 50, Group Manager – Strategic Policy & Planning said that any buffer increase from 20m to 30m could not be retrospective.

He then acknowledged the work undertaken by staff and Mayor Livingston reiterated Councillor's appreciation. He said that the process was made easier by the thoroughness that staff have shown and the thanked the Councillors for their contribution and commitment to the project.

RESOLVED

3/09/85

That

- a) the information be received;*
- b) the Strategic Planning & Development Committee confirm the schedule of draft recommendations on the draft District Growth Strategy; subject to any changes arising from resolutions made during consideration of the amended draft District Growth Strategy;*
- c) the Strategic Planning & Development Committee approve the updating of the draft District Growth Strategy having regard to the resolutions made, and any minor editorial changes noted during consideration of the amended draft District Growth Strategy; and,*
- d) having reviewed the recommendations made following the consideration of submissions in May 2009, and having regard to b) above and c) above, the Strategic Planning & Development Committee refer the updated draft District Growth Strategy to Council for adoption on 30 June 2009.*

Mayor Livingston / Councillor Jull

8 FUTURE PROOF (SUB-REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY) - UPDATE

File: 65-06-36

Strategic Planning Manager said the Future Proof process had approximately 57 submissions to the Strategy, with hearings held over 2 ½ days.

He said that the Strategy would be re-presented on 30 June to the partner councils at the Future Proof meeting.

He covered the significant issues that relate to the Waipa District, such as the Rukuhia study and the need for the Southern Links designation to proceed as quickly as possible. He said that a scoping report on the Rukuhia study would be discussed at a staff level within a week and that NZ Transport Agency were seeking to address the Southern Links designation issue as soon as possible.

RESOLVED

3/09/86

That the information be received.

Councillor Lee / Mayor Livingston

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.42pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

CHAIRPERSON

DATE:
