

Minutes of a meeting of the Strategic Planning & Development Committee held in the Council Chambers, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Tuesday 1 September 2009 commencing at 8.59am.

1 PRESENT

Councillor GRP Webber - Chairperson

Members

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston; Councillors – EH Barnes, MEH Cox, LWE Hoverd, GH Jull, PL Lee [from 9.01am], EC Newlands, GG Scaramuzza [from 9.01am], DL Sharpe, GW Simmons, BJ Taranaki [from 10.11am].

Public

There was one member of the press present.

Staff

Chief Executive, G Dyet; Group Manager Strategic Policy & Planning, R McNeil; Group Manager Engineering Service Delivery, J Kerr; Group Manager Infrastructure Management & Planning, J Mills; Senior Planner, T Kelly; Governance Support Manager, C Shaw; Consultant Planner, A MacFarlane [for item 7]; Project Manager District Plan Review, F Hill [for item 9]; Committee Secretary, S King.

2 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no disclosures

3 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

3/09/93

That the apologies for non attendance received from Councillor Thomas and lateness received from Councillor Taranaki be received.

Councillor Sharpe / Councillor Simmons

4 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-12

RESOLVED

3/09/94

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Councillor Hoverd / Councillor Newlands

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 01-85-30

Minutes of Meeting held on 4 August 2009 are included in the agenda were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

3/09/09

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Councillor Hoverd / Councillor Simmons

**7 CHANGE TO THE OPERATIVE WAIPA DISTRICT PLAN 'SURPLUS RESERVES'
PLAN CHANGE 63 – ADDISON STREET, CAMBRIDGE**

File: 65-30-01

Report of Property Manager dated 10 August 2009 was included in the agenda.

Group Manager Strategic Policy & Planning said plan change 63 was the fifth of the proposed changes to remove Reserve designations from specific properties that were never classified as reserves. He said Bloxam Burnett and Oliver had assisted with preparing the plan changes and plan change 63 had been delayed until geotechnical reports had been finalised.

Council's Consultant Planner said a resolution by the Policy Committee in June 2007 resolved to progress the sale of surplus fee simple sites within the District to support community development initiatives. A resolution in May 2008 approved the start of the consultation process that was to precede the plan change. The number of sites to be progressed was narrowed to five and approval of four sites for public notification was given in August 2009. He highlighted the endowment status of the site and commented that the provisions of the Reserves Act does not apply to the property.

He stated the site was not publicly accessible as the land was being grazed via a lease therefore other than open space value only one person was directly benefiting. During consultation with stakeholders a 'question and answer' report was circulated to landowners and meetings were held with Cambridge Community Board and Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa. He said the issues raised were similar to those raised with the previous four proposed plan changes, stating that the effects on property valuations were considered not to be a legitimate Resource Management Act concern.

He said a requirement for a plan change consisted of considering alternatives, one being retaining the status quo which could mean people continuing to purchase local property under the false impression of the subject site being a reserve. Group Manager Infrastructure Management & Planning said sale proceeds would be put into an account for investment into community recreational assets, and noted that the indicative subdivision plan highlights the bush area being retained as reserve.

RESOLVED

3/09/96

That:

- a) *The report of the Property Manager dated 10 August 2009 be received;*
- b) *The Strategic Planning and Development Committee authorise Council staff to publicly notify Plan Change 63 – ‘Surplus Reserve’ in accordance with the requirements of the Resource Management Act 1991;*
- c) *Concurrently with RMA notification, Council staff satisfy the consultation requirements of Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2002 concerning the disposal of parks; and,*
- d) *Concurrently with RMA notification Council staff satisfy any remaining Local Government Act consultative requirements for the sale or exchange of endowment property.*

Councillor Newlands / Councillor Webber

8 HEART OF TE AWAMUTU (HOTA) PROJECT: PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORKS FOR HOTA PROJECT 2008/09 AND 2009/10

File: 01-23-01

Report of Group Manager - Engineering Service Delivery Manager & Group Manager - Strategic Policy & Planning was included in the agenda.

Group Manager Strategic Policy & Planning said the work programme, as agreed in 2008, placed the Alexandra Street upgrade as a high priority project. Before enhancement works could commence an assessment of underground services was required, and this had now been completed. The availability of additional funding through the 10-year Plan provided an opportunity for the Steering Group to revisit the scope of works, with a revised programme now being presented for the Committee's consideration.

Group Manager Engineering Service Delivery provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee on the expanded Alexandra Street enhancement proposals, including utility renewals. He commented on paving and minor drainage improvements, street furniture, the creation of feature areas, lighting, landscape planting and optional future road layout improvements. A stylized rose motif was unveiled which could be used on street furniture and incorporated into the footpath paving at pedestrian crossings.

He said a design theme was being developed for the CBD, with the proposed work including an upgrade to the Arawata Bridge area which provides an ideal opportunity to create a 'gateway' to central Te Awamutu. A double width footpath and arched light poles are proposed, which will create the effect of an 'arrival'. This short section will have the hatched meridian removed and fencing between the pavement and the footpaths. Councillor Barnes said the arches would fit into the Maori heritage that residents wish to acknowledge within the town.

Group Manager Engineering Service Delivery said the existing pergola would be removed and colourful plantings used in the centre islands and, feature artworks would be installed within the CBD in a future development programme. Design work will ensure that raised pedestrian crossings and other safety features catering for walking frames, scooters and visually impaired would be incorporated.

He said the work will not commence until after the Christmas / New Year holiday period to ensure minimum disruption and would be preceded by thorough communication with all parties. The proposed enhancement works would be completed before the World Rowing Championships.

RESOLVED

3/09/97

That:

- a) *The report of Group Manager Engineering Service Delivery and Group Manager Strategic Policy & Planning dated 13 August 2009 be received;,*
- b) *The proposed Heart of Te Awamutu Programme for 2009/10, as listed in Table 2 of the report, be confirmed; and*
- c) *The proposed amended scope of works for the enhancement of Alexandra Street, as set out in Table 3 of the report, be confirmed.*

Councillor Cox / Councillor Hoverd

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.33am and recommenced at 10.46am.

9 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW PROJECT – UPDATE: WAIPA 2050

File: 65-06-36

Report of Project Manager District Plan Review was included in the agenda.

Project Manager District Plan Review provided an overview of progress to date, including suggested minor changes to the Vision Statements. She outlined the progress with the FutureProof implementation projects as they impacted on the Waipa 2050 programme.

Group Manager Strategic Policy & Planning said a workshop would be held in September to allow the members to consider the feedback from the Vision Advisory Group meetings and also from hui with tangata whenua. He said the monthly reports to the Committee will cover progress against agreed project scope and budget and said a report will be provided in early October on the amendment to the Resource Management Act with a detailed overview of the changes and implications of those changes for Council.

RESOLVED

3/09/98

That:

- a) *The report of Fiona Hill, Project Manager District Plan Review be received; and,*

- b) *The changes to the Vision Statements for Cambridge and Te Awamutu be noted, and the updated Statements included in the respective draft Town Concept Plan documents following consideration of the feedback from tangata whenua.*

Councillor Lee / Councillor Barnes

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

File: 65-06-36

This item was not taken due to time constraints, although key matters were covered in the item on the District Plan Review.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.14am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE: _____

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