

Minutes of a meeting of the Strategic Planning & Development Committee held in the Council Chambers, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Tuesday 6 April 2010 commencing at 9.00am

1 PRESENT

Councillor GRP Webber - Chairperson

Members

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston; Councillors – MEH Cox, LWE Hoverd, EC Newlands, GG Scaramuzza, DL Sharpe, GW Simmons, BJ Taranaki, BS Thomas and Committee Member Roberts.

Others

Deputy Chief Executive – R McNeil; Manager Strategy – G Knighton; Governance Support Senior – C Shaw

2 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no new disclosures.

3 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

3/10/11

That the apologies for non attendance by Councillors Barnes, Jull and Lee be received.

Cr Sharpe/Cr Webber

4 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-12

RESOLVED

3/10/12

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Cr Taranaki/Cr Thomas

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 01-85-30

Minutes of Meeting held on 2 March 2010.

RESOLVED

3/10/13

That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Cr Taranaki/Cr Thomas

7 FUTURE PROOF - UPDATE

File: 65-06-36

Deputy Chief Executive Ross McNeil advised staff from the Future Proof partner councils are continuing to work with consultants involved with the Waikato Transportation Model to ensure that future requirements for commercial and industrial land are fully integrated with transportation planning.

The issue of transport (freight) "hubs" and their potential locations was discussed, and Mr McNeil said further work on investigating options was part of the programme of work on industrial land. He said that the first phase of this work was scheduled for completion by the end of the month.

Work is proceeding on the Southern Sector study with key stakeholders being identified for targeted consultation. To date consultation has included two hui undertaken with Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa and, other meetings with Waikato Regional Airport Ltd, NZ Transport Agency and the Tamahere Community Group.

Technical staff are liaising with staff from other councils to identify sub-regional infrastructural issues, options, opportunities & constraints, and it is anticipated that this initial work will be completed by the end of April.

In response to a question Mr McNeil said that there would be an opportunity for Council to review the information from these initiatives prior to it being confirmed by the FutureProof Joint Committee.

RESOLVED

3/10/14

That the information be received.

Cr Sharpe/Cr Webber

8 WAIPA 2050 / DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW - UPDATE

File: 65-06-36

Mr McNeil advised that work has concentrated on developing draft policy and rule options/positions for the District Plan. Significant progress has been made with workshops being held on a number of topic areas. This work will continue over the next few months working towards a consultation phase in May/June.

Staff from the Museum have been reviewing the heritage listings in the District Plan. The first phase of this work has involved gathering base data with considerable time being spent 'field checking' sites and buildings throughout the District. Mr McNeil said that this information will form part of a Waipa Heritage Council workshop in May.

Environment Waikato, as part of a regional programme on biodiversity, has started assessing the significance of remnant vegetation in the District. The work will result in an overall ranking of significance from local to international. The outcomes from the assessment will inform the policies and rules in the District Plan. Council staff have been assisting with collating information on areas that have already been formally protected through existing District Plan provisions. At the same time work is being undertaken on identifying how the District Plan might be able to assist in protecting other areas of significance. For example, the role that the District Plan can play in promoting the establishment of biodiversity corridors and riparian protection.

Mayor Livingston asked whether Environment Waikato held the same view of the special landscape areas, biodiversity and significance of remnant vegetation as Waipa did and that these would be continued. In response, Mr McNeil said that the RPS provides the minimum standards for the whole Region but there is provision for any District to have a higher standard if it desires.

Mr McNeil said further discussions with Nga Iwi Toopu O Waipa are planned for this month. The purpose of which is to discuss potential policy options for marae and papakaianga development in the District in more detail and to start the process for reviewing the schedule of archaeological sites. Committee Member Roberts said that there is a Wahi Tapu register and the Planners have this available now.

Work on finalising the Town Plans is continuing. There has been some delay in finalising the commercial data and a peer review process is in place to complete this work.

Mr McNeil said that the draft Proposed Plan would be produced and be presented to the Committee for release for public consultation later this year. He said that Environment Waikato have confirmed their RPS process and that our own process would follow a similar timeline.

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RESOLVED

3/10/15

That the information be received.

Cr Sharpe/Cr Taranaki

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.37am

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

CHAIRPERSON: _____

DATE: _____