

STRATEGIC PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES 7 SEPTEMBER 2010

Minutes of a meeting of the Strategic Planning & Development Committee held in the Council Chambers, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Tuesday 7 September 2010 commencing at 9.30am

1 PRESENT

Councillor GRP Webber - Chairperson

Members

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

Other

Manager Strategy – G Knighton; Team Leader Strategic and District Planning – F Hill; Policy Advisor – C McAlley; Business Development Facilitator – Peter Carr; Governance Support Senior – C Shaw

2 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no disclosures.

3 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

3/10/36

That the apology for non attendance from Cr MEH Cox be received.

Cr Scaramuzza/Cr Hoverd

4 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-12

RESOLVED

3/10/37

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Cr Taranaki/Cr Sharpe

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 01-85-30

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Minutes of Meeting held on 3 August 2010.

RESOLVED

3/10/38

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2010, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Cr Scaramuzza/Cr Thomas

7 PLAN CHANGE 70 FUTURE PROOF RURAL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

File: 65-06-6

A Summary of Submissions received was circulated with the agenda.

Fiona Hill advised the Committee that the issue of whether to progress Plan Change 70 given that its purpose was to implement regional direction on rural residential development in advancement of the notification of the Regional Policy Statement and the Waipa District Plan. She said that in respect of those submissions received to the plan change, there is the ability for these to be copied over to a submission on the Draft Plan if that is desired and those submitters will have the opportunity to raise the same issues as part of the Draft Plan process.

In response to questions, Ms Hill said that a letter would be sent to all submitters outlining that the Plan Change would be put on hold and that comments and submissions would be carried over to the draft District Plan if they so desired.

Mrs Hill then outlined the submissions to the Committee for their information.

RESOLVED

3/10/39

That

- a) Plan Change 70 is put on hold pending the notification and review of the Proposed Regional Policy Statement, and submitters to Plan Change 70 be advised accordingly.*
- b) Council confirms its ongoing commitment to the policy direction signalled in PC70.*

Cr Taranaki/Cr Jull

8 FUTURE POOF AND THE REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT

File: 65-06-36

Manager Strategy advised that no agreement had been made at the recent meeting and the position on the industrial nodes and quantities was referred to the Chief Executive group to come to an agreement of what should be included in the Regional Policy Statement. He said that staff were trying to work through what we needed to reflected in our District Plan as a consequence of the Regional Policy Statement provisions.

In response to a question, Mr Knighton said that there had been no specific mention of a transport hub, but it had been mentioned by a number of groups. He said with respect to the Airport access to further airport space eg the Montgomerie property then this was a long way off and some would consider this extremely unlikely. He said that feedback around Hautapu would suggest that it is a good location for a distribution centre.

Discussion around the proposed Hautapu industrial area and implications around the need for the local areas to be servicing only local requirements. Cr Scaramuzza stated that this was quite a complicated big picture and there would be a lot of flow on effects if Hautapu does not go ahead. Cr Sharpe said that the use of Hautapu was already starting and a recent application had been approved for a proposed industrial site that would be catering for more than just Cambridge and you cannot stop that.

Mayor Livingston said that the situation highlights the unfortunate way that Environment Waikato have gone about their Regional Policy Strategy with the Hautapu situation and the allocation of industrial land is a case in point. He said market forces are going to dictate the demand for Hautapu and it will drive more than local needs as it is a logical distribution hub for State Highway 1 – North, South, East and West all cross over here, which makes it an ideal spot for transfer. Mayor Livingston said that there is any number of issues there and the Dairy Industrial Zone covers a large area and we should build it into our District Plan and carry on.

Mr Knighton assured Councillors that this has been flagged to our FutureProof partners and that we considered the whole exercise required some kind of strategic overview.

Cr Lee said that the fact that Matamata-Piako had been left out was evidence of this and he considered that they are imperative to what goes on within the FutureProof group.

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RESOLVED

3/10/40

That the information be received.

Cr Scaramuzza/Mayor Livingston

9 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW UPDATE

File: 65-06-36

Manager Strategy reminded Councillors that at the August meeting staff had signalled that there were challenges in preparing a proposed Plan for adoption by 5 October. He said during the month of August it had become apparent that there are some risks in proceeding with the District Plan within this timeframe based on uncertainty with regard to the Regional Policy Statement, Future Proof employment land work, the Waikato River Vision and Strategy, Cambridge North consultation and consultation with affected parties.

Discussion was held on the difficulty had in engaging with Tainui on the project and Manager Strategy said that Tainui have had a number of issues to work on with such a small team but with the River Settlement Act taking effect from 24 September should allow them more effective consultation avenues.

In response to a question regarding the Environment Waikato Regional Policy Statement and the District Plan consultation running in tandem, Manager Strategy said that they have been in constant discussions with Environment Waikato and there is some benefit in putting a bit more time between the two processes.

RESOLVED

3/10/41

That the programme for the Waipa District Plan review be amended to allow for:

- a) *The release of a draft Proposed Waipa District Plan for consultation in October 2010; and,*
- b) *Subject to feedback received on the draft Proposed Waipa District Plan, the notification of a Proposed Waipa District Plan in March 2011.*

Cr Webber/Cr Taranaki

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.34am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRPERSON:

DATE:
