

*Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chambers, Waipa District Council Offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Monday 8 May 2006 commencing at 9.00am.*

## **1 PRESENT**

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Councillor AJH Empson - Chairperson

### **Members**

Councillors – EH Barnes – until 3.10pm, RJ Cooper – until 3.10pm, GH Jull, EC Newlands, DL Sharpe, BJ Taranaki, BS Thomas, GRP Webber and Committee Member G Roberts

### **Staff**

Chief Executive (JC Inglis), Deputy Chief Executive (GD Dyet), Group Manager Policy & Strategy (R McNeil), Group Manager Finance (S Kew), Group Manager Assets, Community & Business Services (JM Mills) – from 12.50pm, Financial Planning Manager (D Frederick), Community Planning & Governance Manager (S Des Forges), Strategic Planning & Development Manager (A McFarlane) – until item 8, Policy Analyst (B Bouda), Committee Secretary (C Plowright)

## **2 APOLOGIES**

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### **RESOLVED**

2/06/39

*That apologies for absence be received from Mayor Livingston and from Councillors Flay, Lee and Scaramuzza.*

Chairperson Empson/Cr Jull

## **3 LATE ITEMS**

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The Chief Executive said it could be necessary to include an item in the agenda on the Waikato Regional Council's boundary and representation review, dependent on the timeframe required for submissions.

## **4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING**

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File: 01-85-12

### **RESOLVED**

2/06/40

*That the order of the meeting be confirmed.*

Cr Sharpe/Cr Taranaki

**5 VISITORS**

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Nil.

**6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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File: 01-85-12

**Minutes of Policy Committee meeting held on 10 April 2006 were included in the agenda.**

**RESOLVED**

2/06/41

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 10 April 2006 be received.*

Cr Thomas/Cr Taranaki

**7 DRAFT URBAN RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN – VOLUME 2: PIRONGIA, KIHIKIHI AND OHAUPO**

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File: 04-03-51

**Report of Strategic Planning & Development Manager dated 13 April 2006 was included in the agenda. The draft Urban Reserves Management Plan Volume 2: Pirongia, Kihikihi and Ohaupo was provided bound separately to the agenda.**

Strategic Planning and Development Manager, Andrew McFarlane, explained that the general policies in Volume 2 (sections 1-5) were the same as Volume 1 and presented an addition he wished to see included in the section on Historic and Archaeological sites. He explained this and suggested that it could also be added to Volume 1.

It was suggested that there be a note in the Plan explaining why the Ohaupo Domain and Roly Fields Park and some other key sites have not been included.

Committee Member Roberts queried the representation from Kauhanganui o Waikato on the Committee established to oversee Sections 1, 167 and 550 in Pirongia and said it should be the Waikato Raupatu Lands Trust. It was explained that Council had received that information from the Department of Conservation. Mr McFarlane said that issue would be clarified before the draft Plan comes back to the Policy Committee for adoption in August.

Councillor Sharpe suggested that land recently purchased in Ohaupo adjacent to Kahikatea Park should be added to section 6.12 (Kahikatea

Park) and that the land leased from Toll Holdings should also be mentioned.

Councillor Barnes said the Kihikihi community was keen to use the Temple Cottage Reserve for community purposes such as a skateboard park. It was suggested that the community group make a submission on the draft Plan along those lines.

Committee Member Roberts asked why historical trees had not been protected in the draft Plan. It was explained that protection for historical trees is provided in the District Plan.

Some minor editorial/typing amendments required to the draft Plan were noted as follows -

- Page 4, delete the second “that” in 1.1.1.
- Page 5, amend “bodys” to “bodies” in section 1.2.1.
- Page 7, amend “statue” to “statute” in section 2.1.1.
- Page 33, amend the word “not” to “nor” under the heading of Acquisition History for 6.1 (Pirongia Redoubt/Alexandra Redoubt).
- Page 43, amend the word “Kauhanagnui” to Kauhanganui” under the heading of Acquisition History for 6.3 (Crozier Street Reserve).

**RESOLVED**

2/06/42

*That the report of the Strategic Planning and Development Manager dated 13 April 2006 be received.*

Cr Sharpe/Cr Taranaki

It was pointed out that the date for consideration of submissions should be changed from 19 August to 14 August 2006.

**RESOLVED**

2/06/43

*That -*

- a) *The draft Urban Reserves Management Plan - Volume 2: Pirongia, Kihikihi and Ohaupo, be notified in accordance with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977 and released for public comment on 19 May 2006 subject to the following amendments -*
- *Page 4, Section 1.1.1: delete the second “that”.*
  - *Page 5, Section 1.2.1: amend “bodys” to “bodies”.*
  - *Page 7, Section 2.1.1: amend “statue” to “statute”.*

- *Page 33, Section 6.1 (Acquisition History): amend “not” to “nor”.*
  - *Page 43, Section 6.3 (Acquisition History): amend “Kauhanagnui” to “Kauhanganui”.*
  - *Page 28, Section 5.22 (Historic & Archaeological Sites): add a clause 5.22.5 “Archaeological digs are not permitted on any Council property unless authorised by an NZHPT Archaeological Authority (in Council’s name) and in association with a Council-approved project” and add a paragraph in the section on Justification “Whilst independent archaeological digs can have educational benefit, they can also be for commercial or individual gain. Because any ‘dig’ has the potential to damage historic integrity, that risk is best minimised by restricting archaeological excavations to those associated with Council-sanctioned developments where the requirement for an archaeological authority is unavoidable”.*
  - *Page 66, Section 6.12: add a comment explaining that a section of land next to Kahikatea Park in Ohaupo has been recently purchased and another has been leased from Toll Holdings, both to be used as reserves.*
  - *Include a note in the Plan explaining why the Ohaupo Domain, Roly Fields Park and other key sites were not in the Plan – a note near the front of the Plan and on page 32.*
- b) *An additional clause be added to the Section on Historic and Archaeological Sites in the Urban Reserves Management Plan Volume 1: Cambridge and Te Awamutu and that this be notified as an amendment to that Plan in conjunction with the notification of Volume 2.*
- c) *Submissions be received on the Draft Urban Reserves Management Plan - Volume 2: Pirongia, Kihikihi and Ohaupo, and the amendment to the Urban Reserves Management Plan Volume 1: Cambridge and Te Awamutu until 5.00pm on 21 July 2006.*
- d) *Submissions be considered at a meeting of the Policy Committee to be held on 19 August 2006.*
- e) *Subsequent to consideration of submissions on the draft Urban Reserves Management Plan - Volume 2 and the amendment to Volume 1, Urban Reserves Management Plan Volume 2 and the amendment to Volume 1 be adopted by Council at a meeting scheduled for 29 August 2006.*

Cr Jull/Cr Newlands

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**8 PROPOSED ANIMAL CONTROL AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FEES AND CHARGES – 2006/2007**

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File: 75-15-03

**RESOLVED**

2/06/44

*That*

- a) *Following public notification of the proposed 2006/07 Resource Management fees and charges in March 2006, the fees and charges as notified be recommended to Council for adoption with effect from 1 July 2006.*
- b) *The proposed 2006/07 Animal Control fees and charges, as reviewed by the Policy Committee in March 2006, be recommended to Council for adoption before 30 May 2006, with effect from 1 July 2006.*

Cr Sharpe/Cr Thomas

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**9 HEAVY VEHICLE TRAFFIC, TE AWAMUTU CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT**

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File: 55-28-30 & 28-04-71

The Chief Executive said Councillor Scaramuzza had raised this issue at the April Council meeting and had asked for an item to be included in the May Policy Committee agenda. He said Councillor Scaramuzza had since advised that he is unable to attend this Policy Committee meeting (8 May) and had asked if the matter could be deferred until he is available. It was agreed to defer the item until the 30 May Council meeting.

[The meeting adjourned at 9.55am and reconvened at 10.15am.]

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**10 DRAFT 2006/16 LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN (10-YEAR PLAN) - CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS**

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File: 01-91-38

**Report of Community Planning and Governance Manager dated 27 April 2006 and summary of submissions received were included in the agenda. Copies of the submissions received were provided bound separately.**

The Committee was reminded that the draft 2006/16 Long Term Council Community Plan (10-year Plan) was prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 and notified by the Policy Committee on 13 March 2006 for public comment and submissions. It

was noted that 85 submissions had been received, 39 of the submitters wished to be heard, and in addition late submissions were tabled from –

- S Coles
- R Spence
- Environment Waikato
- B Neville
- M Greene
- T Mitchell
- S Hammond Boys
- Councillor Newlands.

It was also noted that a proposed Development Contributions Policy (DCP) had been included in the 10-year Plan for consultation, and of the 85 submissions received, 12 specifically addressed the Proposed DCP while eight other general submissions also commented on it.

**RESOLVED**

2/06/45

*That the report of the Community Planning and Governance Manager dated 27 April 2006 be received.*

Cr Webber/Cr Cooper

**RESOLVED**

2/06/46

*That the late submissions be accepted.*

Cr Cooper/Cr Jull

The Committee considered the written submissions (that were not being supported by verbal submissions) to ensure members were aware of and understood the issues raised in the submissions. The Committee continued this process in between hearing the verbal submissions.

The following individuals/groups that wished to make a verbal presentation in support of their submission were heard. A précis of the verbal submissions is attached to these minutes.

- 10.40 Romana Graham
- 10.48 Winstone Aggregates (Alan Happy & Kevin Bligh)
- 11.01 Michael Woods
- 11.22 Waikato Regional Airport (John Olliver)
- 11.38 Grantchester Farms (Lucy & Matt Smith)
- 11.57 Thornbury Properties (Joan Forret)

[The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.22pm and reconvened at 12.50pm.]

- 12.55 David Latham
- 1.10 David Livingstone

- 1.29 Kerry Bodman, Ken Fitzgerald & Aaron Ingoe
- 1.50 Wallace Terrace Residents Group (Monique Mexted & others)
- 1.56 Brian Dunstan
- 2.16 Cambridge Community Board (Rob Feisst)
- 2.30 Cambridge Information Centre (Rob Feisst)

[The meeting adjourned at 3.10pm and reconvened at 3.30pm.]

- 3.30 Waikato Federated Farmers (John Fisher)

**The meeting adjourned at 4.00pm to reconvene on Tuesday 9 May 2006 at 9.00am.**

**TUESDAY 9 MAY 2006**

**1 PRESENT**

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Councillor AJH Empson - Chairperson

**Members**

Councillors – EH Barnes – until 3.20pm, RJ Cooper, GH Jull, EC Newlands – except for 9.32am – 2.05pm, DL Sharpe, BJ Taranaki, BS Thomas, GRP Webber and Committee Member G Roberts – from 9.22am.

**Staff**

Chief Executive (JC Inglis), Deputy Chief Executive (GD Dyet), Group Manager Policy & Strategy (R McNeil), Group Manager Finance (S Kew), Group Manager Assets, Community & Business Services (JM Mills), Financial Planning Manager (D Frederick), Community Planning & Governance Manager (S Des Forges), Policy Analyst (B Bouda), Committee Secretary (C Plowright)

**2 APOLOGIES**

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Apologies for absence had been received from Mayor Livingston and Councillors Flay, Lee and Scaramuzza on the previous day. Councillor Newlands indicated that he would be absent from the meeting from 9.40am until after lunch.

**10 DRAFT 2006/16 LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN (10-YEAR PLAN) - CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS**

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File: 01-91-38

Presentations from those individuals/groups wishing to attend in person were heard as follows:

9.00 Te Awamutu Community Board (Dean Taylor & Gary Derbyshire)

[Committee Member Roberts joined the meeting at 9.22am.]

9.24 Te Awamutu Rose Trust (Dean Taylor)  
9.28 Environment Waikato (Barry O'Connor)

[Councillor Newlands left the meeting at 9.32am.]

- 9.49 Waipa Safer Community Council (Richard Hurrell & Dave Simes)
- 10.10 Jennie Gainsford

[The meeting adjourned at 10.18am and reconvened at 10.40am.]

- 10.40 Lynne Stone
- 10.50 Tourism Ahead (Ian Parlane)
- 11.02 Ngaroto Sailing Club (Murray Wall)
- 11.17 Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre (Alan & Glenyss Hall)

[Councillor Cooper left the meeting at 11.28am.]

- 11.28 Sport Waikato (Richard Carter & Jan Jeffers)
- 11.40 Waikato Biodiversity Forum (Maira Cursey)
- 11.54 St John Te Awamutu Trust Board (Ken George)
- 12.00 Te Awamutu Municipal Brass Band (Denise Wilson & Gary Derbyshire)
- 12.16 Te Awamutu CAB (Morna Kerr)
- 12.25 Roy Harlow

[The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.35pm and reconvened at 1.10pm.]

- 1.10 TE Brian Arrandale
- 1.19 Keep Te Awamutu Society (Brian Boswell)
- 1.35 Bryan Morrison & Roy Dench
- 1.50 Coyla Kissling

[Councillors Cooper and Empson rejoined the meeting at 2.05pm.]

- 2.05 Cambridge Tree Trust (Brian Mayo)

Having heard all the verbal presentations, and considered all the written submissions, the Committee then considered the late submissions received.

[Councillor Barnes left the meeting at 3.20pm.]

**The meeting adjourned at 3.37pm to reconvene on Wednesday 10 May 2006 at 9.00am.**

**WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2006**

**1 PRESENT**

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Councillor AJH Empson - Chairperson

**Members**

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston; Councillors – EH Barnes, RJ Cooper – until 3.00pm, GH Jull, EC Newlands – except for 11.16am – 11.44am, DL Sharpe, BJ Taranaki, BS Thomas, GRP Webber and Committee Member G Roberts – from 9.16am.

**Staff**

Chief Executive (JC Inglis), Deputy Chief Executive (GD Dyet), Group Manager Policy & Strategy (R McNeil), Group Manager Finance (S Kew), Group Manager Assets, Community & Business Services (JM Mills), Financial Planning Manager (D Frederick), Community Planning & Governance Manager (S Des Forges), Policy Analyst (B Bouda), Committee Secretary (C Plowright)

**2 APOLOGIES**

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Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Flay, Lee and Scaramuzza on the previous two days.

**10 DRAFT 2006/16 LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN (10-YEAR PLAN) - CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS**

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File: 01-91-38

Having considered all the submissions received on the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP), the Committee then considered each of the issues raised in the submissions. Interim resolutions were passed on a number of issues which were confirmed at the end of the meeting.

**Developments Contributions Policy**

In summarising the various issues raised on the proposed Development Contributions Policy (DCP), Chairperson Empson said most submitters accepted the principle of DCPs but were concerned about developers funding 100% of the cost recovery and the impact this might have on growth. He said there had been strong community support for DCPs expressed by Federated Farmers and both Community Boards.

It was explained why the proposed DCP for development in Te Awamutu/Kihikihi is significantly higher than that proposed for Cambridge and there was lengthy discussion on how this might impact on growth in those areas.

[Committee Member Roberts joined the meeting at 9.16am.]

It was **moved** Councillor Newlands, **seconded** Councillor Sharpe –

*That there be an urban District-wide development contributions fee based on the \$16,791 that has been proposed for Cambridge and Karapiro.*

The Chief Executive said the motion would result in the greatest loss of revenue from Cambridge North, where the most amount of development is expected to take place, and ratepayers District-wide would be subsidising development in this area. Chairperson Empson put the motion which was **lost**.

It was **moved** Councillor Sharpe, **seconded** Councillor Newlands –

*That there be a 30% subsidy on the development contributions fee proposed for Te Awamutu and Kihikihi in lieu of the investment that has been made in those areas.*

Group Manager Assets, Community and Business Services, John Mills, explained why it would be more appropriate to discount the water and wastewater levies in Te Awamutu and Kihikihi rather than provide the subsidy proposed in the motion. Chairperson Empson put the motion which was **lost**.

[The meeting adjourned at 10.16am and reconvened at 10.36am.]

Another suggestion discussed by the Committee was to remove the Community Infrastructure component of the development contributions fee. However, when the implications of doing so were explained by staff it was agreed not to pursue that suggestion.

It was **moved** Mayor Livingston, **seconded** Councillor Barnes –

*That the Policy Committee accepts the Development Contributions Policy as presented with a 30% reduction applying for water supply in Te Awamutu, Pirongia and Kihikihi and wastewater in Te Awamutu and Kihikihi for a period of three years. (Resolution 2/06/47)*

Chairperson Empson put the motion which was **carried** on a show of hands (six for: five against).

**RESOLVED**

2/06/48

*That the Development Contributions Policy Fee Summary by Catchment figures, presented on page 187 of the LTCCP, be confirmed.*

Cr Newlands/Mayor Livingston

The Committee then considered the other issues raised by submitters on the proposed Development Contributions Policy. Deputy Chief Executive, Garry Dyet, said he had obtained some guidance from the consultants who had assisted in the development of the draft Policy and he provided advice on each of the issues raised.

[Councillor Newlands left the meeting at 11.16am.]

**RESOLVED**

2/06/49

*That the Development Contributions Policy be amended as follows –*

- a) *That the following words be added to 4.14 of the Policy with respect to historical credits “..other than by way of a development agreement pursuant to Section 4.31 of the Development Contributions Policy”.*
- b) *That the definition of Gross Floor Area (GFA) be provided in the Policy as follows “The total area of all the floors of all buildings on an allotment, less car parks, unloading/loading areas, mechanical service equipment areas, pedestrian malls and external stairways and balconies.”.*
- c) *That 4.21 in the Policy, relating to Remissions, Reviews and Postponement, be changed from 15 working days to 30 working days.*

Cr Jull/Cr Barnes

It was suggested, in relation to the submission from Winstone Aggregates, that if a subdivision application has been approved by 1 July 2006 the old development contributions regime will apply. This does not require a change to the Policy.

With respect to the issue raised about the possible exemption from development contribution fees on multiple owned Maori land, it was explained that the District Plan provides flexible arrangements for Papakaianga subject to agreement between Maori trustees. It was explained that minor household units are assessed at half of a household equivalent unit in the proposed DCP and, following discussion, it was agreed to amend the definition of minor household unit so the proposed Policy does not contradict the District Plan.

**RESOLVED**

2/06/50

*That the definition to Minor Household Unit in the Development Contributions Policy on page 209 of the LTCCP be amended to read "A household unit not exceeding 70m<sup>2</sup> in gross floor area".*

Cr Sharpe/Cr Taranaki

**Growth**

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said two submitters had raised issues in relation to growth in Cambridge. He said some aspects of growth were being addressed by Council's Urban Growth Strategy and by commercial growth work currently being undertaken by Council's Planning Department. He said the review of the District Plan, scheduled to start in 2007, would also address growth-related issues.

**Community Outcomes**

Mr McNeil outlined the issues raised by the four submitters on community outcomes. He said the Iwi Consultative Committee had asked for the removal of the detailed reference to Iwi Community Outcomes on pages 46-47 of the LTCCP. It was suggested that an explanation be provided in this section of the LTCCP to make it clearer that those outcomes are the result of a process managed by the Waikato-Tainui, Maniapoto and Raukawa Trust Boards and they say nothing about the outcomes that may be supported or developed by local hapu within Waipa District. Mr McNeil said if Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) has developed some Iwi Community Outcomes they could be included in the LTCCP. Committee Member Roberts said she would work with staff on an appropriate explanation for this section of the LTCCP.

**RESOLVED**

2/06/51

*That there be some minor editing of the Iwi (Maori) Community Outcomes section of the LTCCP on pages 46-47.*

Chairperson Empson/Mayor Livingston

**Rating and Funding Policy and Rates**

Mr McNeil outlined the issues raised by the eight submitters on rating and funding policy and rates. No changes to the LTCCP were suggested as a result.

[Councillor Newlands rejoined the meeting at 11.44am.]

### **Request for Funds**

Mr McNeil said these submissions relate to requests for grants or for increased activities within work programmes.

With respect to the two requests from Pirongia School, it was suggested that the local community should pay for use of the school's information centre as required and should continue to pay for use of the swimming pool. It was also noted that the Ministry of Education would supply funding for operation of the pool. Mr Mills advised that schools are entitled to a subsidy when using the Te Awamutu Events Centre for "learn to swim" classes and Pirongia School could claim the same subsidy if it chose to use the Events Centre for swimming classes.

Referring to the funding request for the establishment of a Waipa Safer Communities Council, Chairperson Empson said both Community Boards supported the concept. It was **moved** Councillor Barnes, **seconded** Councillor Jull –

*That Waipa Safer Communities Council be supported by a grant of \$80,000 for five years to be funded by capital value District wide.*

Councillor Barnes explained how the scheme would be operated, mainly by using volunteers. Following discussion it was suggested that Council should obtain more information on Safer Communities and wait 12 months to see how the community patrols work before committing any funding to it. Chairperson Empson put the motion which was **lost**.

Chairperson Empson said there would be the opportunity for Safer Communities to report back to Council on how the pilot scheme is working during the 2007/08 Annual Plan process. Mayor Livingston asked that Council management discuss the issue with the Police at their next routine meeting.

The next issue for consideration was the request for a \$10,000 increase in its discretionary grants funds from the Te Awamutu Community Board.

### **RESOLVED**

2/06/52

*That the Te Awamutu Discretionary Grants Fund be increased by \$10,000 to \$22,000 for the 10 year period of the LTCCP.*

Cr Jull/Cr Taranaki

Councillor Newlands said the criteria for allocation of discretionary grants needs a complete overhaul and he said he would be raising the issue at a future Council meeting.

The request from Te Awamutu Brass for an annual operating grant of \$12,000 was considered next.

**RESOLVED**

2/06/53

*That Te Awamutu Brass be advised that its funding request will be referred to the Te Awamutu Community Board as the Board has received an increase in its Discretionary Grants fund.*

Cr Webber/Cr Cooper

[The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.40pm and reconvened at 1.10pm.]

The request from Sport Waikato for a \$10,000 increase in its annual grant was considered next. The Chief Executive suggested that if the Committee wished to increase the grant Council should ask for some accountability to be attached to it.

**RESOLVED**

2/06/54

*That the grant to Sport Waikato be increased from \$60,000 to \$70,000 as a one year commitment and that there be some Council criteria and accountability attached to the grant.*

Cr Webber/Cr Taranaki

With respect to the funding request from the Waikato Biodiversity Forum, the Committee was advised that Council has found this a useful source of information and supporting it gives Council access to national Biodiversity funds.

**RESOLVED**

2/06/55

*That \$3,000 be included in the LTCCP for the Waikato Biodiversity Forum each year for the next three years.*

Cr Sharpe/Cr Jull

Referring to the funding request from the Cambridge Information Centre, Mr McNeil said the Chamber is facing additional costs to meet "I-site" accreditation requirements. It was explained that it will cost \$1,500 to register the "I-site" and involve an additional annual payment of \$1,000.

**RESOLVED**

2/06/56

*That the Cambridge Information Centre be granted \$1,500 for the initial registration and set up of its "I Site" as a one-off commitment.*

Cr Sharpe/Mayor Livingston

The request from the Te Awamutu Citizens Advice Bureau for an increase in its annual rental grant of \$1,500 was considered next. The Committee was reminded that both Citizens Advice Bureaux receive an annual grant of \$10,500. The Cambridge office uses rent-free premises owned by Council and, for the last few years, Council has been paying the rent for the premises used by the Te Awamutu office.

It was explained that the Te Awamutu CAB had moved premises, and now wishes to have its rental grant increased to cover the rates and insurance costs that it has to pay for at the new premises. Following discussion it was agreed that Council will leave the rental grant at \$13,000 and will work with the CAB on other options that might be available to them.

Regarding the funding request from Tourism Ahead, it was suggested that Council should wait to see what happens with respect to Tourism Waikato before it gives this funding consideration. The grant of \$15,000 to Tourism Waikato has been included in the LTCCP and it was agreed it should stay there in the meantime.

The Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre's request for a \$2,200 increase to its annual grant was considered next. It was noted that the Centre has increased its opening times from two to four days a week this year.

**RESOLVED**

2/06/57

*That the grant to the Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,200 for the 10 year period of the LTCCP.*

Cr Sharpe/Cr Taranaki

Referring to the submission from the Pirongia Sports and Recreation Centre, Chairperson Empson said Council staff would be able to provide the Centre with advice on how to set up a rating area.

With respect to the submission from the Iwi Consultative Committee supporting the Te Awamutu Women's Centre request for funding, Mr McNeil said Council had not received a submission from the Women's Centre.

The last funding request issue related to the submission from the Cambridge Community Arts Council concerning display of some of the Wallace Collection in Cambridge. Mayor Livingston said a proposal is currently being considered by Matamata Piako District Council and it would be inappropriate for this Council to make a decision on the matter.

**Cambridge Bypass**

In response to the submission from Transit New Zealand, staff agreed to change the wording in the LTCCP about the Cambridge Bypass to make it clear that it is only indicative and is scheduled for 2015/16.

**Cambridge Third Bridge**

Mr McNeil said the traffic study being undertaken by Council would provide valuable information on the need for a third bridge.

### **Te Awamutu Heavy Traffic**

Chairperson Empson said the Te Awamutu Community Board's submission on this issue would be kept in mind when Council receives the outcome of further investigations in August 2006.

### **Roads and Transport**

Referring to the submission from the Te Awamutu Community Board, Chairperson Empson said the Board wanted to ensure that the new footpaths for Kihikihi already in Council's programme of works would also include kerb and channel.

In response to the submission from Educating New Zealand, staff agreed to provide more commentary in the road safety section of the LTCCP to better reflect Council's road safety actions.

The Chief Executive said the submission from Coyla Kissling concerning safety issues on Brunskill Road would be referred to Council's roading staff for investigation. Improved signage would be looked at and staff would make the Police aware of the situation.

The Chief Executive said the issues raised by the Pirongia Ratepayers Association had been addressed in the staff report. Chairperson Empson said the submission from Wallace Terrace residents would be referred to Roding staff for comment and action as they see fit. He said Mr Darby's submission concerning the speed limit on State Highway One in Cambridge would be referred to Transit New Zealand as would Mr Dunstan's submission relating to traffic congestion in this area.

The Chief Executive said staff would look into the safety issues raised in the petition from Mr Morrison concerning the intersection at Meadway and Ryburn Roads.

In response to the submission from Transit New Zealand, staff agreed to look at the commentary in this section to acknowledge TNZ as a partner.

With respect to the request from by Miss Paris for a pedestrian crossing in Duke Street, Cambridge, it was agreed that staff contact her to discuss how her concerns might be resolved.

In response to the submission from Environment Waikato, it was agreed that staff will look at the commentary on road safety to see if it can be improved. Mr McNeil said he would work with staff from Environment Waikato on the request made in its supplementary submission concerning the proposed enhanced bus service.

Mr McNeil said the comments in the submission from Land Transport New Zealand had been noted by staff. He said the submission from the

Pirongia Residents and Ratepayers Association concerning Mystery Creek Road would be referred to Council's roading staff for comment and possible action.

At 2.25pm the submission from Councillor Newlands was considered and Councillor Newlands removed himself from the discussion for this item. The Chief Executive said Councillor Newlands had suggested a way to make it more affordable for events organisers to obtain and run traffic management plans. He said staff would see if they could be produced easier and cheaper than is currently the case whilst still providing the required protection. He said that whilst the purchase of a trailer and traffic management equipment would be good for the local community it would involve liability issues, which would require investigation, and the equipment would require storage and staff to manage its delivery and collection.

Following discussion it was agreed that Councillor Newlands' submission requires further investigation to see how such a system might be managed. It will not have a financial impact on the LTCCP.

**RESOLVED**

2/06/58

*That the Policy Committee approves in principle, and subject to detailed discussions, in the order of \$20,000 for traffic management equipment to be funded from the plant renewals budget.*

Chairperson Empson/Cr Taranaki

Councillor Newlands rejoined the discussion at 2.45pm.

Roading issues raised in the submission from the Ohaupo Ratepayers Association were discussed and noted by staff.

**Seal Extension**

Submissions requesting seal extension have been received for Douch, Faiping and McCandlish Roads. The Chief Executive reminded the Committee how each of the remaining unsealed roads in the District had been awarded a priority ranking which determines how soon they will be sealed. The submitters will be advised where their roads fit in the priority ranking and, consequently, how long they will need to wait before their roads are sealed. The Chief Executive said it is taking longer to work through the seal extension programme because roading costs are running about 30% higher than when the programme was established. He said staff would be reviewing roading standards because it was possible that a lower standard of sealing would be acceptable on certain roads.

**RESOLVED**

2/06/59

*That there be an extension of time for another three hours.*

Cr Taranaki/Cr Sharpe

[The meeting adjourned at 3.00pm and reconvened at 3.05pm. Councillor Cooper did not rejoin the meeting.]

**Footpaths**

Submissions from the Te Awamutu Community Board and Pirongia Ratepayers Association were considered. It was noted that the Pirongia Ward are funding footpath work for the benefit of Pirongia Village because Ohaupo's footpath work is virtually complete and Temple View is no longer in the District.

**Parks, Reserves and Gardens**

It was suggested that the submission from Sabina Owen on this issue was not relevant to the LTCCP.

With respect to the submissions from the Te Awamutu Community Board and the Te Awamutu Rose Trust, asking for the Te Awamutu Rose Gardens to be restored and improved, the Chief Executive said staff would be asked to attend to the general appearance of the Rose Gardens from operational budgets. Referring to the Board's submission concerning the cobbling of Pioneer Walkway, Chairperson Empson said he understood the first stage of the walkway would be cobbled, but the extended section mentioned in the submission from Keep Te Awamutu Beautiful Society would be dependent on available funding. He said appropriate signage of the walkway would also need to be installed.

The Chief Executive said the submission from the Pirongia Residents and Ratepayers Association, concerning removal of the trees on Section 550, would be referred to the Pirongia Reserves Committee for comment. It was suggested that it might be possible to remove the trees at no cost and staff will investigate this.

With respect to the submission from Sue Duignan and Richard Edge, Chairperson Empson said Council and the Cambridge Community Board would investigate ways of providing access to the greenbelt from the new Cambridge north subdivisions via gateways.

Referring to the submission from Murray Wall about Lake Ngaroto, the Chief Executive said Mr Wall's submission would be referred to Project Manager – Heritage Development and Reserve Planning, Tony Roxburgh, for discussion with Environment Waikato and a report back to Council.

Chairperson Empson said the Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee's submission on the Kaniwhaniwha reserve would be referred to Council's Parks and Reserves staff and to the Department of Conservation to find out what can be done in terms of another toilet and at what cost.

### **Stormwater**

In her submission Sabina Owen asked whether Pirongia village should be an urban drainage area. Mr Mills said Council could decide to adopt Pirongia village as an urban drainage rating area, through the LTCCP process, and the new rate could apply from 1 July 2006. The Chief Executive said it would be better to have the new rating area boundaries and rate in place for the 2007/08 year and, in the meantime, see if some ditches, berms and drains can be filled in from existing budgets.

Referring to the submission from the Pirongia Residents and Ratepayers Association about safety concerns with the Crozier Street drain, Mayor Livingston said Council has acknowledged this is an issue but there are other stormwater priorities which need to be addressed. He said their submission concerning the need for kerb and channel on Belcher Street was part of the community initiative to relocate the Pirongia Fire Force which is still uncertain.

### **Cambridge Swimming Pool**

Referring to Sabina Owen's submission which asks if the model used for the Te Awamutu Events Centre would be applied to the proposed pool for Cambridge, Mayor Livingston said preliminary discussions have indicated that will be the case. Other submissions received on the pool (Watson, Paris and Coles) will be referred to the working party investigating the Cambridge Pool.

### **Libraries**

With respect to the submissions from Brian Arrandale and Mr and Mrs Quirk, which claim that the Te Awamutu Library does not comply with New Zealand standards, Mr Dyet said he was unaware of non-compliance with any rules or regulations. Council does accept the space constraints at the Library mean that the facility below desirable standards and that is why a new library has been signalled in the LTCCP.

### **Water Supply**

The Chief Executive said the Te Awamutu Community Board's submission concerning the extension of water supply to houses on Ohaupo Road and Bond Road would be referred to staff for investigation, as would the suggestion regarding a new water reservoir.

### **Sewage Disposal**

The submission from Waikato Regional Airport (WRAL) that Council fund the front-end capital for the infrastructure required to connect the Airport's sewage disposal to the Cambridge Treatment Plant, to be reimbursed as development occurs, was discussed. It was agreed that there is insufficient time available through the LTCCP submissions process to make a decision on this issue and Council would like to discuss it with WRAL as matters progress. Although Council is supportive of the development it will not include the project in the LTCCP at this stage.

With respect to the submission from the Iwi Consultative Committee concerning septic tanks in Kihikihi, the Committee was informed that all Kihikihi residents have been advised about what to do regarding their redundant septic tanks.

### **Public Toilets**

It was noted that upgrade of the Ohaupo Memorial Hall toilets, mentioned in the submission from the Ohaupo Ratepayers Association, has already been included in the LTCCP. With respect to the submission from the Te Awamutu Community Board, it was explained that it was never intended to impose an entry fee at the Selwyn Park toilet block. There was discussion concerning the Board's request that the toilets should be open 24 hours. The Chief Executive explained why the toilets are not currently kept open all night. He said the main reason for building the toilets was to cater for tourist buses during the day and not for 24 hour access. He said staff are awaiting more information on use of the new toilet block before being able to recommend what its opening hours should be.

### **Dog Control**

Mr McNeil said that in response to the submission from the Pirongia residents and Ratepayers Association, staff would be looking at the installation of more dog faeces bins and the possible relocation of one of the existing bins in Pirongia.

### **Heritage**

Mr McNeil said a number of submitters had asked what the heritage fund would be used for. He said they would be provided with some general examples of the range of work that is being proposed.

In response to the submission from Sabina Owen concerning the Information Centre/Marae being linked to the Te Awamutu

Museum/Library it was agreed to take out the reference to a “combined facility” in the LTCCP and just refer to a Museum and Library.

In response to the submission from the NZ Historic Places Trust it was suggested that there be mention of Council’s Heritage Policy and Implementation Strategy in the section of the LTCCP that deals with heritage issues.

In response to the submission from Jennie Gainsford she will be advised that her concerns should be raised during the District Plan review process which is due to start in 2007.

### **Museums**

With respect to the Te Awamutu Community Board’s submission concerning the best site for the proposed new Te Awamutu Museum, it was agreed that currently the corner of Gorst Avenue/Selwyn Lane is felt to be the right position, but it is not set in concrete and would be confirmed at a later stage.

Referring to the Cambridge Museum’s request for an additional \$5,000 in its annual operating grant, Mr McNeil said Council is currently looking at bringing the Cambridge Museum into Council management in the same way as the Te Awamutu Museum. He suggested leaving the additional funding request while staff look into this.

The submissions from Mr and Mrs Quirk, Mary Hurst and Toni Mitchell were noted and they will be advised that the projects associated with the Heritage Policy and Implementation Strategy are subject to a prioritisation process that has yet to be undertaken

### **Waste Collection and Disposal**

It was mentioned that Mr Thomas’ submission concerning an inorganic collection has been considered by Council in the past but has not been established at this stage. The submission from Christine Forsythe, that Council does not have an effective rubbish collection service, was noted and Mrs Forsythe will receive a response outlining the services currently being provided and the recycling collection service due to start later in the year. Mr Dunstan’s comments were noted but it was felt that his suggestion would not suit the majority of residents.

Regarding the new recycling collection service, Mr McNeil asked whether in light of the submissions received the extent of the service should be extended to cover areas that are of a rural residential character, such as Te Miro, Rukuhia, Karapiro, Roto-o-rangi, Kelly Drive and the area encircling Cambridge North. He suggested that staff write to residents in the areas identified to see if they wish to be included in the service.

With respect to rural rubbish collection, Mr McNeil said EnviroWaste, with staff support, is looking at phasing out most rural rubbish collection points. He said Council is waiting to hear from EnviroWaste on what it is planning to do about this service. He said staff have been considering options for rural recycling services, including looking into providing drop-off facilities for recycling at schools throughout the District but this has yet to be raised with schools. Mayor Livingston mentioned that Waipa has a number of enviro-schools, which may wish to be of some assistance with recycling.

### **Culture and Identify**

It was explained that submissions raising issues on culture and identity from the Te Awamutu Community Board, Norris Hall and the Iwi Consultative Committee have already been addressed as part of other LTTCP considerations.

### **Leamington CBD**

Chairperson Empson said Mr Rankin's submission regarding improvements to Leamington CBD would be referred to the Cambridge Community Board for its consideration when this upgrade is undertaken.

### **Pensioner Housing**

The comments on housing for the elderly in the submission from Housing New Zealand were noted.

### **Emergency Management**

Mr McNeil said the suggestion in the submission from Transit New Zealand would be noted and Council would work with TNZ in this regard.

### **Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust (MEIT)**

Comments in the submission from Environment Waikato thanking Council for its support for MEIT were noted.

### **Review of District Plan**

Environment Waikato's offer of assistance with the review of the District Plan was noted.

### **Genetic Engineering**

Referring to the three submissions on this issue, the Chief Executive said Council is not promoting genetic engineering in any way. Local Government's position is to follow the lead set by Central Government and that position has not changed. Mr McNeil said that advice from the

Ministry for the Environment indicated that as Council does not have GE provisions in the District Plan it has no liability for it.

### **Miscellaneous**

Mayor Livingston suggested that in response to the submission from RC and GJ Graham on the subdivision of rural land an explanation will be included on long association lots. The suggestion in the submission from Federated Farmers about a website that can be accessed to provide likely rating impacts was felt to be a good idea and will be investigated by staff.

It was explained that the submission from Pirongia Te Aroaro o Kahu Restoration Society concerning relocation of the old school building to the site currently occupied by the Pirongia Fire Force will be dependent on the Fire Force moving to another site and this still has to be confirmed by them.

With respect to the submission from Paul Signal, it was considered that Council is very mindful of costs and over the last five to six years has made cost savings but this can only be taken so far.

The Cambridge Information Centre's submission requesting the creation of an Events Co-ordinator position for the Cambridge area was discussed. The creation of a full-time Events Co-ordinator position was not supported but it was noted that events which provide benefits to the community would be well supported by Council and co-ordinated, as necessary, with a reasonable use of resources.

The Cambridge Information Centre's other submission was for Council to restore the Prince William Theatre to its former condition as the dress circle of the Cambridge Town Hall. The Chief Executive said the main issue was public access to and from the dress circle. He said staff would report back on what would be required to carry out the restoration and the likely cost of doing so.

Referring to the submission from Lynne Stone asking that Council acquire the old Post Office building and use it as an art gallery, Chairperson Empson said staff would discuss the suggestion with the owners of the building to see what, if anything, can be progressed. Committee Member Roberts asked if the old Post Office can be included in Appendix 10 to the District Plan to protect it from demolition or change. Chairperson Empson said staff would make enquiries.

With respect to the submission from Environment Waikato, Mr McNeil said \$40,000 had been requested from Council in 2007/08 and \$25,000 in 2008/09 as Waipa's share in the LIDAR Surveying Project. Mr Dyet said the project, which operates using laser guided survey technology, produces very accurate contour levels. He said that information would

be very useful for the management of peat lakes. The Chief Executive suggested that it be treated as an operational matter and accommodated within existing budgets if possible, rather than included in the LTCCP. He said if it became a funding issue it would be reported back to Council. With respect to the three other projects that Council has been asked to support, the Chief Executive said Council will work with Environment Waikato to ensure the appropriate level of involvement and funding if required.

Regarding Waikato District Health Board's submission asking for Council's participation in total mobility schemes, Mr McNeil said the Community Boards would be asked to establish the level of demand for that type of service and report back to Council.

It was agreed that the carparking issues raised in the submission from the Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre could be addressed if and when the Fire Force decides to relocate to another site.

The Chief Executive said the issues raised in the submission from the Cambridge Tree Trust were operational matters and would be referred to Council's Asset Manager Recreation who will continue to work with the Tree Trust.

Mr McNeil said the changes in representation on the Iwi Consultative Committee suggested in that Committee's submission would be included in the LTCCP.

It was agreed that the three requests for grants to be used on St John's and St Paul's Churches will not be included in the LTCCP.

With respect to the late submission from the Ohaupo Chamber of Commerce, it was suggested that they be congratulated on their initiative and progress made to date. The Chief Executive said staff would arrange to meet with Chamber of Commerce representatives to see what can be done within existing budgets. He said most of Ohaupo is on State Highway Three which would mean liaison with Transit New Zealand.

Referring to the submission from the Te Awamutu Light Operatic Society, it was explained that the grant of \$40,000 was rated in 2005/06, and can be rolled over for another year and funded from accumulated funds.

The submission from Shona Hammond Boys suggesting a Waipa District Child Policy was noted.

The Chief Executive said the submission from Cambridge Community Board concerning the resurfacing of the Cambridge Tennis Club court will be referred to Asset Manager Recreation, Max Ward, as it is an operational matter.

Councillor Webber reminded the Committee that earlier in the LTCCP process he had asked for staff to investigate the ongoing payment made by Council to the Piarere Hall. He said Council should stop making the annual payment of \$501.

**RESOLVED**

2/06/60

*That Council advise Matamata Piako District Council that payment of \$501 for the Piarere Hall will cease and that they be advised why this will be happening.*

Cr Webber/Cr Thomas

Financial Planning Manager, Deborah Frederick, said the impact of the interim resolutions passed following consideration of submissions on the LTCCP was \$39,700 which is a 0.16% increase. This will bring the percentage increase in rates for 2006/07 to 6.05%.

**RESOLVED**

2/06/61

*That -*

- a) *Following consideration of submissions on the draft 2006/16 Long Term Council Community Plan (10-year Plan), the Policy Committee refer the Plan, with the following changes resulting from the consideration of submissions, for audit by Audit New Zealand.*
- *That the Development Contributions Policy as presented with a 30% reduction applying for water supply in Te Awamutu, Pirongia and Kihikihi and wastewater in Te Awamutu and Kihikihi for a period of three years be accepted.*
  - *That the Development Contributions Policy Fee Summary by Catchment figures, presented on page 187 of the LTCCP, be confirmed.*
  - *That the Development Contributions Policy be amended as follows –*
    - a) *That the following words be added to 4.14 of the Policy with respect to historical credits “..other than by way of a development agreement pursuant to Section 4.31 of the Development Contributions Policy”.*
    - b) *That the definition of Gross Floor Area (GFA) be provided in the Policy as follows “The total area of all the floors of all buildings on an allotment, less car parks, unloading/loading areas, mechanical service equipment areas, pedestrian malls and external stairways and balconies.”*

- c) *4.21 in the Policy, relating to Remissions, Reviews and Postponement, be changed from 15 working days to 30 working days.*
- *That the definition to Minor Household Unit in the Development Contributions Policy on page 209 of the LTCCP be amended to read "A household unit not exceeding 70m<sup>2</sup> in gross floor area".*
  - *That there be some minor editing of the Iwi (Maori) Community Outcomes section of the LTCCP on pages 46-47.*
  - *That the Te Awamutu Discretionary Grants Fund be increased by \$10,000 to \$22,000 for the 10 year period of the LTCCP.*
  - *That Te Awamutu Brass be advised that its funding request will be referred to the Te Awamutu Community Board as the Board has received an increase in its Discretionary Grants fund.*
  - *That the grant to Sport Waikato be increased from \$60,000 to \$70,000 as a one year commitment and that there be some Council criteria and accountability attached to the grant.*
  - *That \$3,000 be included in the LTCCP for the Waikato Biodiversity Forum each year for the next three years.*
  - *That the Cambridge Information Centre be granted \$1,500 for the initial registration and set up of its "I Site" as a one-off commitment.*
  - *That the grant to the Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,200 for the 10 year period of the LTCCP.*
  - *That the wording about the Cambridge Bypass be amended to make it clear that it is only indicative and will be in 2015/16.*
  - *That more commentary be provided in the road safety section of the LTCCP to better reflect Council's road safety actions.*
  - *That the commentary in the LTCCP be amended to acknowledge TNZ as a partner.*
  - *That the commentary in the LTCCP on road safety be improved*
  - *That the reference to a "combined facility" in the LTCCP be amended to a Museum and Library.*
  - *That there be mention of Council's Heritage Policy and Implementation Strategy in the section of the LTCCP that deals with heritage issues.*

- *That the following changes be made to the list of members of the Iwi Consultative Committee on page 239 of the LTCCP -*
  - *Reformat the two columns to show that it is the position in an organisation (i.e. Chairperson of NITOW) that is the representative on the Committee and that person will only be on the Committee while he/she holds that position.*
  - *Remove Ruta Wright as the proxy for Parawera.*
  - *Remove Charlie Maikuku as the proxy for Purekireki as he is already represented on the Committee as one of the Kaumatua.*
  - *Replace Ngati Hikairo with Taurangamirumiru and remove Peter Tuteao (vacancy to be replaced).*
- b) *And further that subject to receiving a clear audit opinion recommend Council adopt the 2006/16 Long Term Council Community Plan (10-year Plan).*

Cr Newlands/Cr Jull

## **11 LATE ITEM – WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL’S BOUNDARY AND REPRESENTATION REVIEW**

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File: 01-69-04

The Chief Executive said a response on the Waikato Regional Council’s Boundary and Representation Review is required before its next meeting on 25 May 2006. Councillors had been provided with a copy of the draft proposal for consultation earlier in the meeting and he asked for their views on the proposal.

Following discussion it was agreed that the draft proposal is the best option for Waipa District and for the Waipa/North King Country Constituency.

Meeting closed at 5.40pm.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD**

**CHAIRPERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_