

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chambers, Waipa District Council Offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Monday 14 August 2006 commencing at 9.00am.

1 ATTENDANCE

Councillor AJH Empson - Chairperson

Members

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston – from item 7; Councillors –RJ Cooper, GC Flay, GH Jull, PL Lee, EC Newlands – except for 10.51-11.56am & 1.56-2.06pm, GG Scaramuzza – from 11.10am, DL Sharpe, BJ Taranaki and Committee Member G Roberts

Staff

Chief Executive (JC Inglis), Group Manager Assets, Community & Business Services (JM Mills) – item 10, Group Manager Policy & Strategy (R McNeil) – until item 10, Strategic Planning & Development Manager (A McFarlane) – until item 8, Secretary (C Plowright)

Public - Nil

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

2/06/77

That apologies for absence be received from Councillors Barnes, Thomas and Webber.

Cr Flay/Cr Lee

3 LATE ITEMS

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-12

RESOLVED

2/06/78

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Cr Cooper/Cr Flay

5 VISITORS

Nil.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-85-12

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

RESOLVED

2/06/79

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

Cr Taranaki/Cr Sharpe

[Mayor Livingston joined the meeting at 9.05am.]

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

File: 04-03-51

Report of Group Manager Policy & Strategy dated 21 July 2006, Draft Urban Reserves Management Plan Volume 2: Pirongia, Kihikihi and Ohaupo and submissions received were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

2/06/80

That the report of Group Manager Policy and Strategy dated 21 July 2006 be received.

Cr Sharpe/Cr Taranaki

The Committee was reminded that, in May 2003, Council decided to develop a generic reserve management plan to cover the reserves within the main urban areas of the District, unless the reserve warranted its own management plan. The scale of the process meant that the Plan would be presented in two volumes. Volume 1 covering Cambridge and Te Awamutu and Volume 2 covering Pirongia, Kihikihi and Ohaupo. Volume 1 has been publicly notified and adopted. Volume 2 was publicly notified in May 2006 and nine submissions were received. A minor change to Volume 1 was also notified in May but no submissions have been received on this.

Presentations in support of three of the submissions received on Volume 2 were heard as follows -

Sabina Owen was heard at 9.05am

During her verbal submission Mrs Owen made the following comments -

- Asks for it to be noted that the Plan supersedes the first Pirongia Town Belt and Reserves Management Plan prepared in 1993.
- Asks for a map to be included in the Plan showing the location of each of the reserves in Pirongia.
- Questions which section of the Reserves Act allows for the preparation of generic reserve management plans.

[Councillor Newlands joined the meeting at 9.07am.]

- Opposes use of the term “vested” in 2.1.2 of the Plan when nine out of the 11 reserves referred to are under Council’s administration and control but have not been vested in Council.
- Suggests that each section of the Plan should have a heading (as provided in the index).
- Suggests there is a conflict in 5.2.2 concerning public access to reserves.

The Chief Executive asked whether the points being made were in addition to the list of recommendations provided by Mrs Owen at the end of her written submissions. Mrs Owen explained that, at this stage, she was going through the report section. She said there would be two additional points that she would like to raise in addition to her recommendations and these would be explained later.

- Disputes the claim in 5.15.1 that there are few leases and licences applicable in the Plan when eight out of the 11 reserves are subject to leases.
- Asks that the Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee and the newly formed Pirongia Reserves Management Committee be included in the annual consultation on walkways and footpaths in the Pirongia Ward.
- Notes that the page numbers are incorrect in section 6 of the Plan.

- Asks for the inclusion of something on the history of Pirongia in the Plan. Suggests there should be a note on the historical background/acquisition history of Alexandra Redoubt in 6.1 because of its archaeological importance and need to retain 360 degree vistas from that site.
- Asks for clarification of the legal boundaries of Alexandra Redoubt and recommends that it become a historic reserve rather than a recreation reserve.
- Suggests that land listed under 6.2 (Pirongia Sports Ground) should be amalgamated into one title in future.
- Suggests that Pirongia Sports Ground and Pirongia Golf Course reserves should be linked together.
- Asks for the acquisition history of the Section 550 to be checked and clarified.
- Asks for reference about the need to establish a committee should be deleted under 6.3 as the Pirongia Reserves Management Committee has now been established.
- Expresses concern that Council has arranged for the trees to be removed from Section 550 and has put a landscape plan in place without first discussing this with the Pirongia Reserves Management Committee.
- Asks that the future plans for Section 550 take account of the archaeological significance of the site.
- Asks for a correction to the classification of Section 1 because it is a local purpose (community) reserve and not a recreation reserve.
- Supports the relocation of a building to Section 1 (Franklin Street Reserve) and suggests that the Pirongia Reserves Management Committee meet soon because there are lot of things happening at this site.
- Asks that there be reference to the annual Pirongia horse racing event in the history for 6.5 (Pirongia Golf Course).
- Asks for 6.6 (Pirongia West Recreation Reserve) to be deleted from the Plan.
- Asks for more information to be included on the lease arrangements with respect to 6.7 (Pirongia East Town Belt).

- Asks for more description on the use and history of the Pirongia Memorial Hall site and for clarification on Lots 43 and Lot 1 DP 13952.
- Asks for the words “confiscated land” to be deleted from 6.9 (old Library Reserve) and for reference to be included that this is the site the Pirongia Fire Force wish to relocate to.
- Asks for it to be recorded in the Plan when the endowment status for Lot 24 was enacted and for a note to explain that the Esplanade Reserve is linked up with Lot 24 and that there is a landscape strategy plan.
- Asks that reference to Council having a share of the endowment proceeds for Lot 24 to be deleted.
- Asks for clarification of the land titles with respect to the Playcentre Reserve.

Mrs Owen then summarised the recommendations included in her submission and asked for the following two additional recommendations to be added -

- That the formation of the Pirongia Reserves Management Committee should be acknowledged in the Plan.
- That the lease arrangements in place with the Pirongia Craft shop’s use of the historic library building should be included in the Plan and the land title clarified.

Sabina Owen (on behalf of Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre) was heard at 9.55am

Asks for clarification on the history of Lot 1, reference to the establishment of the Pirongia Reserves Management Committee and notes that a correction is required to the designation of the reserve.

Clare St Pierre (on behalf of Pirongia Te Aroaro o Kahu Restoration Society) was heard at 9.56am

Mrs St Pierre said the Society supports the reference in the Plan to the use for Section 1, Franklin Street and she provided a brief outline of the Society’s interest in that section and its plans to relocate the old Pirongia School building onto the site for use as an environmental education centre. Mayor Livingston asked if that type of activity would be permitted on the site as it is classified as a recreation reserve in the Plan. Chairperson Empson said that aspect would require clarification.

[The meeting adjourned at 10.01am and reconvened at 10.26am.]

[Councillor Taranaki left the meeting at 10.40am.]

[Councillor Taranaki rejoined the meeting at 10.44am.]

The Committee then considered each of the submissions to determine whether a change to the draft Plan is required. Mr McNeil explained that the front section of Volume 2 is identical to Volume 1 and if the Committee wish to make changes to the intent of the policies in Volume 2 then a process would need to be initiated to make those changes to Volume 1. However, he said changes to improve the clarity of the information in the Plans could be accommodated without the need for a formal process.

[Councillor Newlands left the meeting at 10.51am.]

Councillor Scaramuzza joined the meeting at 11.10am.]

[Councillor Newlands rejoined the meeting at 11.56am.]

During the deliberations, members raised a number of issues about the appropriateness of some of the information contained in the draft Plan and suggested the inclusion of additional information. Because of the number and nature of the queries on the Plan Chairperson Empson suggested that it would be appropriate for staff to evaluate these and report to a subsequent Policy Committee meeting.

RESOLVED

2/06/81

That the information on the Urban Reserves Management Plan Volume 2 lie on the table until the next Policy Committee meeting to give staff a chance to evaluate the issues raised during the consideration of submissions, recommend an appropriate course of action and re-present the draft Plan for consideration.

Cr Lee/Cr Newlands

[The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.24pm and reconvened at 12.50pm.]

8 PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE NO 43 – KIHIKIHI RESIDENTIAL PLAN CHANGE

File: 65-07-43

Report of Consultant Planner dated 18 July 2006 was included in the agenda.

The Committee was advised that this Plan Change recommends changing the zoning of a block of land bounded by Oliver, Whitmore, Dick and Grey Streets in Kihikihi from rural to residential. The reason for this is to resolve a potential anomaly created by the inclusion of this rural zoned area within the urban area serviced by the wastewater system.

RESOLVED

2/06/82

That the report of the Consultant Planner dated 18 July 2006 be received.

Cr Newlands/Cr Cooper

RESOLVED

2/06/83

That the Policy Committee authorise the public notification of proposed Plan Change No 43 "Kihikihi Residential Plan Change" attached as Appendix A to the Consultant Planner's report dated 18 July 2006.

Cr Sharpe/Mayor Livingston

Committee Member Roberts asked if this report could be presented to the next Iwi Consultative Committee meeting. Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said that would be possible if timing of the public notification of the proposed Plan Change allows.

9 STREET NAMING POLICY

File: 55-28-12

Report of Group Manager Policy & Strategy dated 8 August 2006 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

2/06/84

That the report of Group Manager Policy and Strategy dated 8 August 2006 be received.

Cr Lee/Mayor Livingston

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said Council has an existing policy on the naming of roads, but this did not seem to be providing effective guidance for those involved in the process for naming roads. A more detailed draft policy, which addressed that issues raised in recent months, had been prepared for consideration .

Councillor Taranaki asked if Council wants to restrict the naming of roads in Leamington to just New Zealand literary artists, as suggested in the proposed policy. It was noted that Allen Curnow can be removed from the list of names as the name has now been used.

It was **moved** Councillor Taranaki, **seconded** Councillor Cooper –

That British poets be left on the list of literary names for Leamington Streets.

Councillor Lee **moved an amendment, seconded** Councillor Scaramuzza –

That British poets be left on the list of literary names for Leamington Streets but Council will give preference to New Zealand poets and writers where they are submitted. (Resolution No 2/06/85)

Councillor Newlands said it should be noted that if a developer has alternative names that fit within a theme they should be encouraged to submit those rather than being restricted by the names currently on the list.

Chairperson Empson put the amendment which was **carried**. This became the substantive motion which was **carried**.

Councillor Taranaki said that with the help of Cambridge Museum she has compiled a list of 50 historical names that could be used for road names.

Chairperson Empson said the list of suggested road names for Te Awamutu had been developed using suggestions from the public and had been added to by the Community Board.

The Chief Executive said it was suggested that the two lists be submitted to the Community Boards, the Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee and Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) for review and comment before adoption by Council. Councillor Sharpe asked if it would be possible to have a list of names for Pirongia and Ohaupo for consideration at the next Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee meeting.

Councillor Newlands said there should be provision in the policy for an alternative theme of names being put forward by the subdivider.

RESOLVED

2/06/86

That the policy provides for an alternative theme of names, relevant to the area, to be put forward for a subdivision.

Cr Newlands/Cr Sharpe

Committee Member Roberts said there is a list of names appended to the Hingakaka Management Plan that would be suitable for use in that area and she asked how it could be included in the street name list. The Chief Executive said NITOW could provide those names to Council when it reviews the list of names for Cambridge and Te Awamutu. He said NITOW should look at the whole District to see if it has other name suggestions.

Mayor Livingston suggested an additional bullet point to be added to the policy that there should not be duplication of existing road names in the District.

Councillor Newlands asked if something should be included in the policy about how it has been developed and the various themes recognised. The Chief Executive suggested including the table that summarises the themes (page 187 in the agenda) in the policy.

RESOLVED

2/06/87

That the table on page 187 of the agenda be included in the proposed street naming policy.

Cr Newlands/Mayor Livingston

Mayor Livingston asked if Council would need verification that the person is agreeable to having a street named after them. The Chief Executive said anyone suggesting a name for addition to the list should provide evidence of authority to use the name.

RESOLVED

2/06/88

That anyone suggesting a name for addition to the street name list should provide evidence of authority to use the name.

Mayor Livingston/Cr Lee

RESOLVED

2/06/89

That Council's current policy on naming of roads (8.1.6 in Council's Procedural Policy Manual) be replaced by the proposed policy set out below -

NAMING OF ROADS

"Council has the statutory responsibility for the naming and renaming of roads within the District. In exercising this responsibility, Council will ensure that community aspirations, including those of Iwi and developers, are considered in the process. Council will have the final decision on the naming of roads.

Register of Potential Road Names

In order to provide guidance when naming roads, Council will maintain a register of potential road names that may be applied anywhere in the Waipa District or in specified areas or communities within the District. In relation to the area in which the road is situated, road names shall be drawn from:

- *The names of persons, past or present, including past elected members of Council or Community Boards, who have played a significant role in the area or community;*
- *Significant historical events;*
- *Significant geographical or topographical features.*
- *In the case of the Leamington urban area, the names of persons who are recognised as having made a significant contribution to New Zealand literary arts.*
- *Council's Sister City relationships.*

To avoid duplication and confusion, where a name has been used in one area of the District it shall not be used elsewhere in the District.

The register of names shall record the rationale for including the proposed name. The historical themes used for the naming of roads in urban communities are:

Leamington – British and New Zealand Authors/Poets –

Cambridge East – Monarchs, early Settlers/Residents and Government Politicians

Te Awamutu – Noted residents

Kihikihi – Politicians/Members of the local Constabulary/Militia

Pirongia – Explorers of the North-West Passage

Ohaupo – Local landowners

Where the proposed name is that of a person, the name recorded for use will generally be the surname (last name) of that person. The inclusion of the name of any person shall be accompanied by suitable evidence approving the use of that person's name.

The register shall be subject to periodic review. The review process shall include referring the register to Community Boards, Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa and Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee for comment and recommended names for inclusion. Any such recommendations shall be accompanied by supporting rationale, and will be considered by Council, who will determine whether or not the register will be amended.

The register will be made available to the general public, including developers and other persons who may have an interest in the naming or renaming of roads.

Process of Naming Roads

Where Council receives a request to name or rename a road, and the proposed name is listed in the register and the location is appropriate, then the request will be referred to Council for a decision. Unless individual circumstance warrant otherwise, Council will support the request and confirm the name accordingly.

Where the request relates to a road that is not listed in the register, the request shall be accompanied by supporting rationale for the proposed name. Council will refer the request to the relevant Community Board, Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa and the Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee (as appropriate) for comment prior to Council's decision."

Cr Taranaki/Cr Lee

10 DRAFT REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY – INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS

File: 55-36-03

Draft Regional Land Transport Strategy for the Waikato Region (July 2006) was attached separately.

The Committee was advised that Environment Waikato has issued the Draft Regional Land Strategy for the Waikato Region (DRLTS) for public comment with submissions closing at 5.00pm on Friday, 18 August 2006. For Waipa the most significant elements are the Cambridge Bypass, the designation of the Southern Links Route (Tamahere, Narrows crossing of the Waikato River, Peacocks Road and through to Greenwood St / Kahikatea Dr around the southern boundary of Hamilton) and the confirmation of the Waikato Regional Airport as a significant transport and freight hub.

[Councillor Newlands left the meeting at 1.56pm.]

Mayor Livingston said he has been advised that the funding has been approved by Transit New Zealand for the Cambridge Bypass design work and registrations of interest for this work have been advertised. He said design of the interchange would be included in that design work. Group Manager Assets, Community and Business Services, John Mills, said the design work is scheduled to occur during 2006-2008 with construction of the Bypass during 2008/2011 in the DRLTS which is at odds with the timelines in Transit's 10 year State Highway Plan and Forecast. He said the timing issue would be highlighted in Council's submission on the DRLTS.

It was suggested that Council look at securing the land on Church Corner to fit in with the interchange and another suggestion was the interchange would provide the opportunity for a stretch of dual carriageway. Chairperson Empson said those suggestions could be included in Council's submission on the DRLTS.

Mr Mills also mentioned the cycling, walking and public transport initiatives signalled in the DRLTS. Mayor Livingston said it must be ensured that Hamilton Airport is acknowledged as a transport hub and Council should be supporting the concept of rail commuter traffic.

Councillor Sharpe said Council has always promoted the walkway along the Waikato River which would link up Fieldays with the Hamilton City walkway system. She said Council has nearly all the land required for the walkway.

[Councillor Newlands rejoined the meeting at 2.06pm.]

RESOLVED

2/06/90

That Council make a submission on the Draft Regional Land Transport Strategy in support of the major initiatives that will see the expressway and bypass projects funded as per Table 12.4 (pg 113-115) of the strategy – State Highway Improvements - and to support the investigation of a greater level of availability of Public Transport but not to support implementation of subsidised Public Transport until such time as costs and funding have been fully consulted on. Council also supports acknowledgement of Hamilton Airport as a transport hub, the concept of rail commuter traffic and a walkway between Fieldays and Hamilton City.

Mayor Livingston/Cr Flay

Meeting closed at 2.10pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

CHAIRPERSON: _____

DATE: _____