

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chambers, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May 2008 commencing at 9.00am

1 PRESENT

Councillor GH Jull - Chairperson

Members

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston; Councillors – EH Barnes, MEH Cox, LWE Hoverd, EC Newlands, GG Scaramuzza, DL Sharpe, GW Simmons, BJ Taranaki, BS Thomas, GRP Webber and Committee Member V Ingley

Others

Chief Executive – JC Inglis; Deputy Chief Executive – D Dyet; Group Manager Policy & Strategy – R McNeil; Group Manager Assets & Business Services Manager – John Mills; Group Manager Engineering – John Kerr; Group Manager Finance (item 8 only) – S Kew; Financial Planning Manager – D Frederick; Community Planning & Governance Manager – S des Forges; Council Secretary – C Shaw

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

2/08/35

That the apology for non attendance by Cr Lee be received.

Cr Webber/Cr Simmons

3 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-12

RESOLVED

2/08/36

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Cr Taranaki/Cr Thomas

5 VISITORS

There were no visitors.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-85-12

Minutes of Policy Committee meeting held on 8 April 2008

RESOLVED

2/08/37

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 8 April 2008 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Cr Hoverd/Cr Cox

7 PROPOSED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, DOG CONTROL AND BYLAW-RELATED FEES AND CHARGES – 2008/09

File: 75-15-13

Proposed Resource Management, Dog Control and Bylaw-related Fees and Charges with Effect from 1 July 2007

Cr Sharpe sought clarification as to the number of dogs allowed on a property in the rural zone.

RESOLVED

2/08/38

That

- a) *The proposed fees and charges for 2008/09, with the exception of those relating to Dog Control, as considered by the Policy Committee in March 2008, and, where appropriate, publicly notified in March 2008, be recommended to Council for confirmation at a meeting scheduled for 24 June 2008; and,*
- b) *The proposed Dog Control fees and charges for 2008/09, as considered by the Policy Committee in March 2008 and set out below, be recommended to Council for confirmation at a meeting scheduled for 27 May 2008.*

Cr Taranaki/Cr Barnes

DOG REGISTRATION AND IMPOUNDING FEES

Pursuant to the provisions of the Dog Control Act 1996, public notice is hereby given that the fees for the registration and control of dogs for the year commencing 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 are due 1 July 2008 and all dogs must be registered by 31 July 2008.

The following fees are prescribed and apply to all dogs over the age of three months:

All fees include Goods and Service Tax

STANDARD FEE	DISCOUNTS		MINIMUM FEE
Urban – \$90.00	\$20.00	Payment by 1 August	\$70.00
	\$15.00	Fencing	\$75.00
	\$10.00	Neutering	\$45.00
Rural – \$60.00	\$20.00	Payment by 1 August	\$40.00

NOTES

1. Early payment discount applies if the registration fee is paid before 1 August each year, or within 14 day of acquiring a dog, or within 14 days of the dog attaining three months of age.
2. No fee is payable in respect to certified guide or hearing dogs.
3. Urban areas are shown on the attached maps and are subject to adjustment. All other areas are rural.
4. For fencing discount, property must be inspected and approved by an Animal Control Officer and the fencing must be adequate for the type of dog. If work is required to bring the fence up to standard and a further inspection is required, the re-inspection fee is \$25.00.

PERMITS

A permit is required from Council if you own or are keeping more than:

- (a) two dogs on any premises within the urban areas specified in the attached schedule; or
- (b) five dogs on any premises within any other area of the District.

The fee is \$25.00 for the permit, which lasts for three years and if a re-inspection of a property is required the fee is \$25.00 a visit. Forms are available from Council offices.

NOTES

For the purposes of the permits any property less than one hectare in size is considered to be “urban”, and therefore a permit for keeping more than two dogs is required if there are more than two dogs on the property.

DEFINITIONS

“Premises” means “any dwelling house and associated buildings.”

“Property” means “a property or a collection of properties under common occupancy or in a single certificate of title which are framed in conjunction with one another, and are contiguous.”

IMPOUNDING FEES FOR DOGS

First Impounding \$50.00

Plus an additional \$20.00 for each subsequent impounding in any 24-month period involving dogs owned by the same person or organisation.

Sustenance \$7.00 per day

Note: (1) The fee charged for the sale of unwanted/unclaimed dogs within the Waipa District will be the applicable registration fee, plus a \$20.00 administration fee.

Note: (2) The fee charged for the sale of unwanted/unclaimed dogs being rehomed outside the Waipa District will be \$50.00 (includes registration fee).

Note: (3) The destruction or disposal fee for any unclaimed, impounded dog is \$25.00.

Note: (4) The owner of an impounded dog remains liable for all impounding fees irrespective of the fate of the dog.

Registration fees may be paid at the Council offices in Bank Street, Te Awamutu and Wilson Street, Cambridge or by posting to Waipa District Council, Private Bag 2402, Te Awamutu. For further information please phone Cambridge (07) 823 3800, Te Awamutu (07) 872 0030 or (0800) 924 723.

8 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2008/09 – CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

File: 01-91-41

Report of the Community Planning and Governance Manager dated 23 April 2008 and a summary of submissions was included in the agenda and copies of the submissions received were provided bound separately.

The Committee was reminded that the draft 2008/09 Annual Plan was undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 and notified by the Policy Committee in March 2008 for public comment and submissions. It was noted that 65 submissions had been received of which 44 indicated that they wished to be heard.

The Committee considered the written submissions that were not being supported by verbal presentations to ensure that 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 submissions were heard.

Cambridge Tree Trust (Brian Mayo)

Cr Cox left at 9.45am and returned at 9.48am

Te Awamutu Safer Community Trust (Chris Smith, Terry Osmond, Richard Hurrell)

Te Awamutu Chamber of Commerce (Chris Smith)

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.19am and reconvened at 10.34am

Cambridge Chamber of Commerce (Antanas Procuta)

Te Awamutu Community Board (Dean Taylor)

Cambridge Community Board (Rob Feisst)

Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust (Jim Mylchreest)

Mighty River Power (Leroy Leech)

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.11pm and reconvened at 12.50pm. Cr Newlands rejoined the meeting at 12.54pm and Committee Member Ingley rejoined the meeting at 12.59pm

Friends of Maungakawa (Neil Keiser)

Bruntons and Pinnell

Cr Webber left the meeting at 1.22pm

Kerry Bodman

Cr Webber returned to the meeting at 1.27pm

Friends of Sanatorium Hill (Mhairi Jay)

Maxine Viggers

Gracelands Group of Services (Robyn Kloss)

George Douglas

Sabina Owen

Pirongia Residents and Ratepayers Association (Peter Grierson & Mary Buchann)

David Firth

Huntly Energy Efficiency Trust (Pamela Story)

The meeting adjourned at 3.08pm for afternoon tea and reconvened at 3.28pm. Cr Scaramuzza did not rejoin the meeting

B P Morrison

Cr Cox left the meeting at 3.34pm and returned at 3.37pm

Cr Taranaki left the meeting at 3.38pm

Merv Gyde (on behalf of Livingstone Brothers)

The meeting adjourned at 4.10pm and will reconvene on Wednesday 14 May 2008 at 9.00am.

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2008

1 PRESENT

Councillor GH Jull - Chairperson

Members

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston; Councillors – EH Barnes (from 9.06am), MEH Cox, LWE Hoverd, EC Newlands (from 9.50am), GG Scaramuzza, DL Sharpe, GW Simmons, BJ Taranaki, BS Thomas, GRP Webber and Committee Member V Ingley (from 9.10am)

Others

Chief Executive – JC Inglis; Deputy Chief Executive – D Dyet; Group Manager Policy & Strategy – R McNeil; Group Manager Assets & Business Services Manager – John Mills; Group Manager Engineering – John Kerr; Group Manager Finance (item 8 only) – S Kew; Financial Planning Manager – D Frederick; Community Planning & Governance Manager – S des Forges; Council Secretary – C Shaw

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Presentations from those submitters wishing to be heard continued.

Pirongia Restoration Society (Claire St Pierre)

Cr Barnes arrived at 9.06am
Committee Member Ingley arrived at 9.10am

Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre (Alan Hall)
Pukerimu Restoration Society (David Younger & Martin Watson)

Cr Cox left the meeting at 9.25am and returned at 9.28am

Pirongia Voluntary Rural Fire Force (David Bolar)
Pirongia School (Jan Cullen)

Cr Newlands arrived at 9.50am

Pirongia Playcentre (Julie Carter)

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.05am and reconvened at 10.21am. Mayor Livingston and Cr Barnes rejoined the meeting at 10.23 and Cr Newlands rejoined the meeting at 10.26am

Federated Farmers
Huybrecht Poot

Cr Simmons left the meeting at 10.34am and returned at 10.37am

Brett Purchase
Edward (Ted) Hulse
Armistice in Cambridge (Rob Feisst & Rachel Dean)
Cambridge Information Centre (Jenny Wilson)
Te Awamutu Community Public Relations Organisation (Lyn Fenwick & Ian Parlane)

Mayor Livingston and Cr Simmons left the meeting at 12.08pm. Cr Simmons rejoined the meeting at 12.10pm. Mayor Livingston rejoined the meeting at 12.11pm.

Martin Lee
Tony McKenna

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.19pm and reconvened at 1.00pm. Committee Member Ingley rejoined the meeting at 1.01pm and Cr Newlands rejoined at 1.02pm

Active Transport (John McLaren & Mr Love)

Cr Taranaki left the meeting at 1.08pm and rejoined at 1.16pm

Cr Scaramuzza left the meeting at 1.22pm and rejoined at 1.28pm

David Sayers
Pirongia Sports & Recreation Centre (Murray Walters & Layne Kerr)
Ohaupo Ratepayers Association (John Turnwald)

The meeting adjourned at the conclusion of the submissions at 1.54pm and reconvened at 2.06pm to consider recommendations.

At 2.06pm, having considered all the submissions received on the draft Annual Plan for 2008/09, 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.

Requests for Funding

The Committee then considered those submissions that related to a request for funds or an increase in an annual grant.

The submission of the Pirongia Rural Fire Force was discussed and clarification sought by staff regarding our obligations and our interaction with the Pirongia Rural Fire Force. Cr Newlands suggested that there was a possibility, given the growth of Pirongia that the Fire Force could, in the future, become an auxiliary station to Te Awamutu.

RESOLVED

2/08/39

That a grant of \$50,000 towards the new building be made to the Pirongia Rural Fire Force.

Mayor Livingston/Cr Sharpe

The Te Awamutu Safer Community Charitable Trust had requested funds to support the employment of a part time Administration Officer. The Committee were extremely happy with how the Patrols were operating but felt that there would be other avenues of funding that the Trust could take. It was suggested that funding part of the request would show support and give the Trust some time to investigate other avenues.

RESOLVED

2/08/40

That a grant of \$10,000 be given to the Te Awamutu Safer Communities Charitable Trust.

Cr Newlands/Cr Cox

Creating a new rating area as requested by the Pirongia Sports & Recreation Centre does not sit well with the new Rating Act. Various options regarding how a rate collection could be managed was discussed and all agreed that this was not possible for the 2008/09 year. Further investigation will be undertaken around this issue.

With regard to the request for looking after the playing fields, it was considered that this could be addressed under normal operational activities and staff will ensure that the people who are mowing the grass are compensated for the cost of the service provided.

The Te Awamutu and Cambridge Community Boards request to increase their discretionary grant was discussed and the Committee were told that the demand from smaller organisations for a grant to cover discretionary items was increasing.

RESOLVED

2/08/41

That the level of discretionary grant allocation for the Te Awamutu Community Board and the Cambridge Community Board be increased to \$30,000 each.

Cr Barnes/Mayor Livingston

Cr Barnes left the meeting at 3.04pm

Armistice in Cambridge was requesting \$10,000 to enable the event to be kept in Cambridge. It was considered that this funding is better placed through the District Promotion Fund and would need to be measured against that criteria. It was anticipated that an event of this proposed magnitude would also be considered as part of the review of promotion and district development.

RESOLVED

2/08/42

That Armistice in Cambridge be advised that funding would not be via the Annual Plan process, although the event will be eligible for District Promotion Fund funding, and that the event would be considered as part of the review of Promotion and District Development.

Cr Webber/Cr Taranaki

The Committee adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.15pm and reconvened at 3.31pm. Cr Scaramuzza and Cr Barnes did not rejoin the meeting at this time.

RESOLVED

2/08/43

That the Pirongia Residents and Ratepayers Association's grant be increased by \$1,250 to \$3,500 per year.

Cr Taranaki/Cr Sharpe

RESOLVED

2/08/44

That the Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee discretionary grants be increased to \$15,000 per year.

Cr Sharpe/Cr Thomas

Cr Newlands left the meeting at 3.35pm and returned at 3.37pm

The Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust had requested assistance with setting up a Trust fund that would help cover operational costs for the Trust. Discussion was held on the report that had been commissioned by funders from PricewaterhouseCoopers and this would be helpful in determining the future direction for the Trust. Deputy Chief Executive Garry Dyet said that the report was due any day now and any decision on funding could be left until the report has been received.

Te Awamutu Community Public Relations Organisation and the Cambridge Information Centre had requested an increase in their grant along with an additional amount to cover the production of the brochure. Discussion around what was actually required by the Centres to comply with their contract confirmed that there is a fairly simple arrangement being that the doors have to be open, basic standard of service, and a requirement to have the standard brochure and this being kept up to date. Group Manager Policy and Strategy R McNeil said that what Council was being asked to consider was over and above the requirements of the Contract. He said that the grants were increased in 2005 to help offset an increase in the brochures and any increase should be to the base grant.

Considerable discussion was held on the role of the Information Centres in tourism and events which seemed to be the driver for the increase in funding. Mr McNeil said that any level of initiative to run events was taking them away from the core responsibilities within the contract and this will be addressed when the review of Promotion and District Development is complete.

Cr Newlands left the meeting at 3.35pm and returned at 3.37pm

RESOLVED

2/08/45

That the grant to Te Awamutu Community Public Relations Office and the Cambridge Information Centre be increased to \$71,000 as per the draft annual plan.

Cr Cox/Mayor Livingston

Gracelands Group of Services had approached the Annual Plan process last year to seek relief for their building consent and resource consent costs towards their building project. They had been told to come back to the process this year as they would have an assurance of the actual costs for these consents. The figures provided by Gracelands appeared to be inaccurate and lacking in details and it was suggested that the matter of funding be delayed until the costs were available.

It was moved Cr Sharpe and seconded Mayor Livingston that Council set aside the amount for building and resource consent fees.

An amendment to this was made.

It was moved Cr Cox and seconded Cr Newlands that \$50,000 be set aside to remit the resource and building consent fees and exclude the parking fees.

The motion was not put and the matter would lay on the table until further information on costs was available.

RESOLVED

2/08/46

That an extension of time to 5.00pm be made.

Cr Barnes/Cr Newlands

Cambridge Citizens Advice Bureau were requesting a small increase in their grant to cover increased costs for rental.

RESOLVED

2/08/47

That \$1,800.00 be added to the annual grant for the Cambridge Citizens Advice Bureau to make a total of \$13,300.00 per year.

Cr Webber/Mayor Livingston

RESOLVED

2/08/48

That the grant to the Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre be increased to \$6,200.00.

Cr Sharpe/Cr Hoverd

Pirongia School had requested assistance to cover the provision of security lighting for their pool. It was suggested that this application would be better considered by the Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee. It was requested that staff advise them to apply during the next discretionary funding round.

Friends of Maungakawa and Friends of Sanitorium Hill had each made submissions but were unaware of each other's existence. Members of the Committee were supportive of the plans for this area but said until the relationship between the two bodies had been established, it was not appropriate to provide financial assistance.

RESOLVED

2/08/49

That the Friends of Maungakawa and the Friends of Sanitorium Hill be advised that while Council was supportive of their endeavours, no financial assistance could be provided until the relationship between the two bodies had been established.

Mayor Livingston/Cr Jull

The meeting adjourned at 4.54pm and would reconvene on Thursday 15 May 2008 at 9.00am

THURSDAY 15 MAY 2008

1 PRESENT

Councillor GH Jull - Chairperson

Members

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston; Councillors – EH Barnes, MEH Cox, LWE Hoverd, GG Scaramuzza (from 9.03am), DL Sharpe, GW Simmons, BJ Taranaki, BS Thomas (from 9.04am), GRP Webber and Committee Member V Ingley (from 9.11am)

Others

Chief Executive – JC Inglis; Deputy Chief Executive – D Dyet; Group Manager Policy & Strategy – R McNeil; Group Manager Assets & Business Services Manager – John Mills; Group Manager Engineering – John Kerr; Group Manager Finance (item 8 only) – S Kew; Financial Planning Manager – D Frederick; Community Planning & Governance Manager – S des Forges; Council Secretary – C Shaw

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The meeting reconvened at 9.00am and with regard to the Gracelands Group of Services request, Deputy Chief Executive Garry Dyet advised that most of the consent fees had been calculated but there was still one outstanding. The Committee were adamant that they would not pay for the parking fees but were happy to pay for the others. Disappointment was expressed regarding the dissatisfactory manner in which the information had been presented.

RESOLVED

2/08/50

That Council remit all building and resource consent fees, except for parking fees, for the building programme for the Gracelands Group of Services.

Cr Cox/Cr Hoverd

Committee Member Val Ingley arrived at 9.11am

The Cambridge Town Hall Focus Group had put forward a proposal for alterations and renovations to be carried out at the Town Hall, including reinstatement of the dress circle prior to the centenary of the building in 2009.

Mayor Livingston said he was disappointed that the request from the Heritage Council had not been included as part of the submission and he thought that a lot of preliminary investigatory work could have been done prior to this meeting.

In response the Chief Executive John Inglis said that he was not familiar with any of the detail as this had not been considered at a managerial level for inclusion on any work plans.

Cr Taranaki said that this had been discussed by the Focus Group since December last year and a Heritage Report had been completed by Opus. Cr Scaramuzza said that if the report had been commissioned by Council, when is it to be reported back, so a comprehensive study could be made and a development plan implemented.

In response to questions to identify priorities, Cr Taranaki said they were the handrails from the steps down the pillars, fixing of the steps themselves as the slate was chipped and a ramp installed.

The Committee could not make any decision at this time and will await a report from the Chief Executive which outlines the recommendations from the Opus Report.

Roading Issues

Engineering Manager John Kerr advised that Mr Firth's suggestion of using the rumble strips is currently being implemented in some areas but it was just one tool in the road safety area. In response to whether this can be used to help with the corner on Cambridge Road, Mr Kerr said that there needed to be a continuous line.

George Douglas requested that all disabled carparking be aggregated. Mr Kerr said that the community were telling staff that they require the parks to be near the places that they were going to. It was apparent that there were issues in enforcement rather than a lack of disabled car parks and the whole area of parking will be addressed in its entirety when the levels of service review has been completed.

RESOLVED

2/08/51

That a regular report on parking enforcement activity be included in the Quarterly Report.

Mayor Livingston/Cr Taranaki

There were many submissions that were related to the Cambridge Road safety, the Town Boundary and the Kaipaki Road intersection. Mr Kerr said that there was a plan in place to look at widening the road to create a right hand turn bay due to the increased development further down Cambridge Road.

This work would be included for consideration in the 2008/09 Minor Safety works programme. He said that there was a need to plan for the next ten years and there was interest in developing the area to the town boundary of Lamb Street as residential or rural residential and there would be an opportunity to capture some development fees to cover any further improvements to this intersection.

With regard to footpaths Mr Kerr said that extra money has been provided and it will have some subsidy from LTNZ which means that we will not have the flexibility but they would be happy to work with us to make the best spend. It is anticipated that this would be around the high frequent use, eg kids going to school and other areas tied to our walking strategy. He said that once the list has come from LTNZ, it will be sent to the Community Boards.

Mr Kerr advised that the Noel Street cul-de-sac would be progressed in the near future.

Lighting of roads has been an issue and a survey is being done to look at what roads need to be brought up to the appropriate standard and is estimated that the cost for this will be in excess of \$2.5m. This could be put forward for consideration for the 2009/19 Draft LTCCP.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.24am and reconvened at 10.42am

The speed limit in Pirongia is being investigated and patrols are in place. This item is an ongoing matter of discussion with Transit.

Mr Rump had made some suggestions for improvements to State Highway 3. However, Mr Kerr said that the issue is to keep traffic moving but not in place of safety. His concerns regarding shaded parking spaces in the CBD would be addressed in the concept design work for the Heart of Te Awamutu.

Group Manager Policy and Strategy said that the concerns of Active Transport Cambridge and Te Awamutu and those of Mr Purchase regarding cycling in the townships were being addressed by the development of a cycling strategy. He said that Opus were currently working on a draft strategy for Council's consideration.

Mr Templer requested that Waite Road be sealed. History of the matter was provided including that the remaining area had been prepared for sealing in the last round and it would be a complete waste of work if not done in the near future. Mr Kerr said that the District was growing and when the information is plotted, priorities change. He said that he would look into the issue a bit further.

The submission on the third bridge would be covered by the review of the District Plan.

Mr Bodman had been advised at the meeting that Faiping Road would be sealed in the financial year under review.

A particular Makgill Road corner has been identified as a hazard and Mr Kerr advised that there was insufficient cost justification at this stage to move a pylon. However, some minor improvements can be made to the area that would assist in the safety of this area. Staff would be discussing this with the affected residents in the coming months.

Brunskill Road is on the list but is estimated to be about four years away from being required. Minor safety works can be done in the interim that could help but these are short term and expensive. Mr Kerr advised that we will be able to attract some subsidy and will look at what priority we can give in this area for future Minor Safety Works programme.

Cr Webber asked whether Waterworks Road, which connects this road to the Matamata-Piako District could be added to this seal extension list. He said there was no room to go. He asked whether we could batter the banks to help with safety and visibility issues. In response Mr Kerr aid that there is no money to bring this work onto the list and there was a requirement to work within existing budgets.

Mr Kerr advised that the submission from Mr Morrison was in hand and that they were underway with a design solution that will be affordable, and he believed that over the next two years they may be able to get this intersection into a more reliable and a safer option, all be it under the desired standard.

In response to questions regarding the Ohaupo CBD, Mr Kerr said he was happy to progress the design work for this but any requirement for capital works needed to be in the LTCCP. He said that Transit have advised that pavement work and road realignment work would be carried out in approximately eight years time and it would be appropriate to tie the two works together.

Finance and Rates

Discussion on the Karapiro Hall Society's request was held and it was agreed that a increase of the nature requested would be out of step with other Halls in the District.

RESOLVED

2/08/51

That the Karapiro Hall rate be increased by \$1,500 to a total of \$7,000 for 2008/09.

Cr Webber/Mayor Livingston

Sabina Owen brought the issue of water rates and their inequities to the table. Considerable discussion around the different boundaries and rates and the suggestion that this was not a matter that could be determined here. It was suggested that legal advice and a proper report on the whole matter is required to be brought back to Council. It may be that a Policy change would be required and all of the issues around the Universal Water Rating policy are looked into.

Water Conservation and Development

The submissions relating to water conservation and developments from Janice Bowker, Te Awamutu Community Board, Pirongia Ratepayers Association Martin Rump, Sabina Owen and Mighty River Power were summarised. Mr Kerr advised that a Water Management Plan was identified as a key way to manage this issue and this would be implemented in the forward workload.

Stormwater and Wastewater

Submissions from Pirongia Playcentre, Pirongia Residents and Ratepayers Association and the Pirongia Restoration Society regarding these issues had been discussed. Staff are liaising with the various groups concerned and there is nothing to be progressed from this process.

Museums and Libraries

Submission from Sydney Hall asking that Council reconsider the need for the relocation of the Museum has been picked up by the Heart of Te Awamutu project and the outcome of that will determine progress. It was noted that the Te Awamutu Community Board were strong advocates for the museum concept as stated in the Plan.

Submissions relating to the Cambridge Museum being funded and resourced by Council should be advised that the Memorandum of Understanding with the Historical Society is due to be signed and it is anticipated that Council will assume the operation within the next four months.

Maxine Viggers requested that the Cambridge Library form an agreement with Matamata-Piako District Council that will allow ratepayers and residents to use the Cambridge Library for free. Cr Sharpe said that when Temple View became part of the Hamilton City Boundary and former ratepayers and residents of Cambridge had to pay the Hamilton City Library, Waipa would reimburse the person on presentation of a receipt. It was considered that this amount needed to be increased as it has not changed since 2001.

RESOLVED

2/08/52

That the rebate to people eligible for subsidy when paying for use of the Hamilton City Council Library be increased to \$65.00 on production of a receipt.

Cr Sharpe/Mayor Livingston

Parks and Gardens

The submission from the Cambridge Tree Trust and the Cambridge Community Board for money to be set aside to enhance the area behind the Cambridge Service Centre was considered to be an operational issue. A priority list will be provided and if able to be funded this work will be considered at that time.

Discussion was held on the Cambridge Tree Trust request for a grant to cover the day to day operations of the Trust and the increasing costs of compliance with regard to toilets and water services. It was the opinion that clear guidelines and communication with Council staff are required so that they are aware of the good work that the Tree Trust is doing and that they fit in with the Council plans. Any financial assistance provided could be by way of an operational grant.

The request for a cycleway to be in place from Leamington to Karapiro was discussed. Included in the discussions was the provision of a walking path which had already been signalled in the walking strategy and it was considered that the two could be linked. This would be picked up with the cycling strategy that Opus are working on and will present to Council in the near future.

Mr Kerr said that an estimated cost for the 3m cycle way using current urban roads to the bluff of Karapiro, being a total of 5.6km and would have an estimated cost of around \$800,000 to \$850,000 to complete and may attract a 58% subsidy. The work needed to be signalled in our LTCCP.

It was decided to await the cycling strategy to be completed before any decisions were made.

The provision of a playground by the Te Awamutu Community Board would be included in recommendations from the Heart of Te Awamutu project.

Special events planting caused some angst from the Te Awamutu Community Board and Te Awamutu Alive group. It was agreed that the groups needed to meet with staff to ensure that the planting cycles and the events are connecting and where possible co-ordinated to meet with the big events.

Pirongia Reserves concept plan by Carol Fraser was discussed by the Ratepayers Association and it was their belief that Council staff still had this. The Community playground and skateboard facility and other plans for the reserve area may need to be amended and the Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee and the Pirongia Reserves Committee would need to approve any plans.

Leamington CBD Upgrade

It was reported that to complete the streetscaping and final dressing of the Leamington CBD would see about a \$2.3m shortfall. There is an expectation in the community that this work would be done as people are seeing the remedial work as the first step to the upgrade of the CBD.

RESOLVED

2/08/53

That Council proceed with the Leamington CBD upgrade and it be loan funded for \$2.3m.

Cr Webber/Cr Taranaki

Any submissions relating to the Te Awamutu CBD and the Te Awamutu Events Centre had been acted upon by the Heart of Te Awamutu project and would be reported back via this forum.

Adjourned for lunch at 12.35pm and reconvened at 1.03pm. Committee Member Ingley rejoined the meeting at 1.05 and Cr Scaramuzza rejoined the meeting at 1.06pm

The submission by Mr Purchase on the Skatepark being moved closer to Te Awamutu was considered and he should be advised that there is no funding to provide for this at present.

Submissions on District Promotion are to be told that this item will be discussed and considered as part of the review of Promotion and District Development.

Miscellaneous

David Peart – rail corridor will be considered as part of the District Plan Review and also as part of the Hamilton Sub-Regional Growth Strategy.

Signage to Te Awamutu. Deputy Chief Executive Garry Dyet advised that preliminary discussions have been held with Transit around the possibility of Waitomo Caves being given a Tourism sign and Te Awamutu taking up the Waitomo position. This would affect a change on approximately 21 signs. Awaiting decision from Transit Head Office.

Cambridge Community Board were reminding Council that sufficient funds needed to be retained in the Sister Cities Accounts to allow for the 10 year anniversary of the Sister City link with Bihoro set down for October 2008.

Cr Cox asked whether the submission from Pirongia Residents and Ratepayers Association relating to Endowment Funds would produce a report. Chief Executive John Inglis said that this was not a matter that can be progressed through the Annual Plan process but the matter is progressing. Cr Cox commented that he was embarrassed and critical that nothing had been done for a year.

The Huntly Energy Efficiency Trust provided information and opportunities to help people become more efficient.

The offer of a loan guarantee if required should be made to the Pirongia Rural Fire Force if they had any shortfall in their funding.

Financial Planning Manager Deborah Frederick said that following consideration of the submissions received, the Committee had agreed to an extra 0.33% rate increase bring the total percentage increase to 6.81%.

RESOLVED

2/08/53

That the Committee accept the recommendations made and accept the figures produced by Financial Planning Manager Deborah Frederick and the extra 0.33% to bring the percentage increase in rates of 6.81%.

Cr Webber/Mayor Livingston

RESOLVED

2/08/54

That -

- a) *The report of the Community Planning and Governance Manager dated 23 April 2008 be received;*
- b) *The Policy Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the annual Plan 2008/09, as may be amended following consideration of submission on the draft Annual Plan as publicly notified.*

Cr Scaramuzza/Cr Cox

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.54pm

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CHAIRPERSON: _____

DATE: _____