

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Policy Committee held in Council Chambers, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Tuesday 10 June 2008 commencing at 9am.

1 PRESENT

Councillor GH Jull - Chairperson

Members

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

Public

One

Others

Chief Executive, J Inglis; Deputy Chief Executive, G Dyet [from Item 6]; Group Manager Policy & Strategy, R McNeil, Group Manager Finance, S Kew [Item 10]; Planning & Policy Manager, D Frederick [Items 9 & 10]; Committee Secretary, S King.

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

2/08/55

That the apology from Councillor Sharpe (non attendance) Councillor Newlands (late arrival) and Councillor Lee (early departure) be received.

Cr Scaramuzza / Cr Webber

3 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-12

RESOLVED

2/08/56

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Cr Taranaki / Cr Barnes

5 VISITORS

There were no visitors.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-85-12

**Minutes of Policy Committee meeting held on 13/14/15
May 2008 were provided in the Agenda.**

Councillor Simmons left the meeting at 12.08pm on page 21 and was not shown to return. He states that he was only out of the room for a minute or two.

Councillor Cox made the comment that he was embarrassed and critical that nothing had been done for a year but this was not recorded on page 32.

RESOLVED

2/08/57

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 13/14/15 May 2008 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings, with the additions noted above.

Cr Scaramuzza / Cr Thomas

7 REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S LEVELS OF SERVICE

File: 01-91-33

**Report of Community Planning & Governance Manager
and Group Manager – Policy & Strategy was included
in the Agenda.**

The levels of service review identified a range of services highlighted by focus groups. The report following the focus groups included recommendations of key services to progress through the review process. Community consultation was invited and a total of 95 submissions were received.

Based on feedback from focus groups and public consultation, levels of service for crossings, signage and footpaths should be increased. If the Committee agrees with the preferences and subsequently decides what the appropriate level of service is that should be provided, these recommendations would ultimately have an impact on rates, however the overall priorities would be established in the LTCCP.

RESOLVED

2/08/58

That

- a) *The report of the Community Planning and Governance Manager/Group Manager Policy and Strategy dated 16 May 2008 be received;*
- b) *The proposed changes to current levels of service, outlined below, be included in the preparation of the draft 2009-19 LTCCP:*
 - i. *The levels of service in relation to pedestrian crossings and signage be increased to reflect a community desire for more mobility scooter friendly crossings and improved signage with an indicative cost increase of \$35,000 per annum (to a total of \$98,000 per annum);*
 - ii. *The levels of service in relation to maintenance/safety of footpaths be increased to reflect a community desire for a more proactive approach to maintenance with an indicative cost increase of \$53,000 per annum (to a total of \$95,000 annum)*

Cr Barnes / Cr Webber.

8 PROPOSED WAIPA DISTRICT LAND DRAINAGE AND STORMWATER BYLAW 2008 AND WAIPA DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY BYLAW 2008 – CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

File: 45-02-17

These two bylaw are the last of the bylaws required to be reviewed under LGA 2003 and to meet the statutory timeframe they are required to be presented to Council this month. No submissions were received.

The underlying purpose of the Stormwater bylaw is to protect the infrastructure, in that connections are done to an appropriate standard with appropriate materials. Non-compliant connections are reducing the lifespan of the new pipes and where a problem has occurred or is suspected a CCTV camera is put up the pipe.

Councillor Lee left the meeting at 10.05am and rejoined the meeting at 10.07am.

RESOLVED

2/08/59

That

- a) The information be received; and,*
- b) Subject to the consideration of amendments to the Bylaws, the proposed Waipa District Land Drainage and Stormwater Bylaw 2008 and the proposed Waipa District Water Supply Bylaw 2008, as amended and included in the agenda, be recommended to Council for making at a meeting scheduled for 24 June 2008, with the new Bylaws coming into force on 30 June 2008; and,*
- c) Subject to b) above, the Waipa District Drainage Bylaw 1991 and the Waipa District Water Supply Bylaw 1995 be recommended to Council for revocation at a meeting scheduled for 24 June 2008, with effect on 30 June 2008.*

Cr Taranaki / Mayor Livingston

Councillor Hoverd left the meeting at 10.13am.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.14am and resumed at 10.33am. Councillor Barnes did not rejoin the meeting at that time.

**9 CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDED DRAFT 2008/09 ANNUAL PLAN
FOLLOWING THE CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS**

File: 01-91-37

Councillor Barnes rejoined the meeting at 10.34am.

Group Manager Policy & Strategy outlined the amendments to the draft 2008/09 Annual Plan. It is important to note that most issues that submitters have raised will be covered in either the annual plan or other forums such as the LTCCP.

The rate increase of 6.81% was mentioned and also the impact on ratepayers due to the high cost of living. Group Manager Policy & Strategy advised that the draft plan was prepared and released for public comment with a rates increase of 6.4%, and with the recommendations added from the submission process has increased by less than 0.5%.

Mayor Livingston said Council was efficient and totally upfront, providing a full breakdown of costs. Using Cambridge as an example a major part of the increase is for capital work, e.g. water. He also commented on the public consultation and acceptance by the community of the Annual Plan.

RESOLVED

2/08/60

That following the consideration of submissions, and consequential amendment to the draft 2008/09 Annual Plan, the Policy Committee recommends that Council adopt the draft 2008/09 Annual Plan, as presented, at a meeting scheduled for 24 June 2008.

Mayor Livingston / Cr Hoverd

10 PREPARATION OF THE 2009 10-YEAR PLAN (LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN) – OUTLINE OF PROGRAMME

File: 01-91-33

Councillor Lee left the meeting at 10.57am.

Group Manager Policy & Strategy outlined the requirements to adopt the LTCCP and the programme, which was presented to give an indication of the work in progress and matters which will be raised at future workshops and meetings. An error was noted in the table regarding the strategic issues/directions and assumptions timeframe which should read June – August 2008.

Councillor Scaramuzza would like to review the policies regarding borrowing to offset some of the expenditure currently funded by the Annual Plan. He would also like to review the efficiency of the system and a possible cap on rate increases.

Mayor Livingston left the meeting at 11.05am.

The Chief Executive advised that a workshop in August to find a strategy to ensure the rate increases are at acceptable levels would be scheduled. Group Manager Finance noted that Council do not use a traditional zero base but justification of every expenditure is required in the Annual Plan process.

Mayor Livingston rejoined the meeting at 11.08am.

RESOLVED

2/08/61

That the information be received.

Cr Cox / Cr Barnes

RESOLVED

2/08/62

That the financial criteria and strategy of borrowing to offset the rates increase will be the subject of a workshop in August.

Cr Scaramuzza / Mayor Livingston.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.14am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CHAIRPERSON: _____

DATE: _____