

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chambers, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Tuesday 9 February 2010 commencing at 9.01am.

1 PRESENT

Councillor GH Jull - Chairperson

Members

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston; Councillors – EH Barnes, MEH Cox, LWE Hoverd, PL Lee, EC Newlands [from 11.23am], GG Scaramuzza, DL Sharpe, GW Simmons, BJ Taranaki, BS Thomas, GRP Webber.

Public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Others

Chief Executive, G Dyet; Deputy Chief Executive/Group Manager Planning and Community Relations, R McNeil; Group Manager Finance, S Kew [for item 11]; Manager Strategy, G Knighton; Manager Legal and Corporate Support, J McFarlane; Manager Business Excellence, T Hancock; Financial Planner, D Frederick [for item 11]; Governance Support Senior, C Shaw; Committee Secretary, S King.

2 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no disclosures.

3 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

2/10/01

That the apology for lateness from Councillor EC Newlands be received.

Councillor Simmons / Councillor Sharpe

4 LATE ITEMS

Members requested updates on the Heritage & Cultural Centre, timing of the Heart of Te Awamutu Alexandra Street upgrade, water metering investigations undertaken by Waikato District Council and, the Waikato Times article on asset sales. The Chief Executive provided information outside the meeting.

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-12

RESOLVED

2/10/02

That the order of the meeting be confirmed with remaining items to be taken in the following order: Item 6, Item 7, Item 10, Item 11, Item 9, Item 8.

Councillor Hoverd / Councillor Cox

6 VISITORS

There were no visitors.

7 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-85-12

Minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on 1 December 2009.

RESOLVED

2/10/03

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 1 December 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Councillor Lee / Councillor Sharpe

Item 10 was taken.

8 CHANGES TO DELEGATIONS REGISTER

File: 01-22-18/7

Report of Manager Business Excellence dated 8 January 2010.

Delegations Register 2010 v1.0.

Deputy Chief Executive/Group Manager Planning and Community Relations, R McNeil said the updated register reflected changes that were due to the recent organisational restructure. Manager Business Excellence, T Hancock said no new delegations had been introduced, the only changes relating to existing delegations were to ensure appropriate alignment with the new structure.

RESOLVED

2/10/07

That

- a) *the report of the Manager Business Excellence dated 8 January 2010 be received;*
- b) *the Policy Committee endorse the proposed changes to the delegations including the updating of the group and department structure and names, administering department, and role titles; and,*
- c) *the Policy Committee recommend to Council that it approve the amended Delegations Register 2010 v1.0 dated February 2010.*

Councillor Lee / Councillor Cox

9 PROPOSED CLASS 4 AND BOARD VENUE GAMBLING POLICY – WAIPA DISTRICT GAMBLING VENUE POLICY 2010

File: 02-13-06/2

Report of Manager Business Excellence dated 6 January 2010.

Manager Strategy, G Knighton said that Council was required to review its Gambling Policies, and it was proposed they be combined into a single document. He said a separate report was included which assessed the social impacts of gambling in the District, concluded that impacts were not disproportionate to other areas given the population levels. He indicated the staff report presented three options: retain existing population based system (270 machines); cap machine numbers at current policy limit (242 machines) or adopt a 'sinking lid'.

Members discussed the options presented, including the social impact report. Consideration was given to benefits such as the community funding provided by the machines and costs such as the impact of problem gambling on the community. Deputy Chief Executive/Group Manager Planning and Community Relations, R McNeil said a typographical error was made in option two which should read 242.

RESOLVED

2/10/05

The Statement of Proposal, being the Proposed Waipa District Gambling Venue Policy 2010, amended so that a machine number cap of 242 for the next 3 years, be the proposed option.

Councillor Hoverd / Councillor Cox

In speaking against the motion, Councillor Newlands said given where the economy is at this time, it would be a shame if there was not sufficient capacity should the market decide there was the opportunity for a lot more café/bars.

RESOLVED

2/10/06

That

- a) *the report of the Manager Business Excellence dated 6 January 2010 be received;*
- b) *the Policy Committee endorse the Class 4 Gambling and Board Venue Polices being combined as a single policy document;*
- c) *the Statement of Proposal, being the Proposed Waipa District Gambling Venue Policy 2010, as amended by resolution 2/10/05, be approved for public consultation between Tuesday 16 February and Friday 19 March in accordance with the special consultative procedure set out in Sections 83 and 86 of the Local Government Act 2002;*
- d) *submissions on the Statement of Proposal be considered and, if requested, be heard by the Policy Committee at a meeting to be held in Te Awamutu on 13 April 2010; and,*
- e) *the Waipa District Gambling Venue Policy 2010 (subject to any amendments following the consideration of submissions) be adopted by Council at a meeting to be held in Te Awamutu on 27 April 2010 .*

Councillor Taranaki / Councillor Webber

Item 8 was taken.

10 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

File: 01-37-01

(Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987)

RESOLVED

2/10/04

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

Councillor Lee / Councillor Webber

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item Nos	Minutes/Report of:	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
11	Report provided separately	Draft Annual Plan	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No		
11	Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.	Section 7(2) (i)

11 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

File: 01-91-43

Draft Annual Plan 2010/11 was provided separately to Councillors.

This item was taken with the public excluded.

The public were readmitted to the meeting at 11.56am. Item 9 was taken.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.17pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

CHAIRPERSON: _____

DATE: _____