

*Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chambers, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Tuesday 11 May commencing at 9.00am.*

## **1 PRESENT**

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Councillor GH Jull - Chairperson

### **Members**

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston; Councillors – EH Barnes [from 9.12am], MEH Cox, LWE Hoverd [from 9.05am], PL Lee, EC Newlands, GG Scaramuzza [from 9.04am], DL Sharpe, GW Simmons, BJ Taranaki, BS Thomas, GRP Webber.

### **Public**

There were two members of the press in attendance prior to morning tea break.

### **Others**

Chief Executive, G Dyet; Deputy Chief Executive and Group Manager Planning & Community Relations, R McNeil; Group Manager Service Delivery, B Bergin; Group Manager Business Support, K Morris;

## **2 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

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There were no disclosures.

## **3 APOLOGIES**

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### **RESOLVED**

2/10/27

*That the apology for lateness from Councillor EH Barnes and the apology for absence for part of the day from Councillor MEH Cox be received.*

Councillor Webber / Councillor Sharpe

## **4 LATE ITEMS**

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Councillor Lee requested his performance in the deputy mayor role be discussed as a late item due to a matter of urgency following the withdrawal of the requisition. He said the matter was important to the district and needed resolution. Following discussion the matter was considered as not directly related to the purpose of the Committee which is required under standing orders. The Chief Executive, G Dyet said the matter should be referred to Council and a notice of motion could be lodged for consideration.

Councillor Scaramuzza joined the meeting at 9.04am.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING**

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File: 01-85-12

**RESOLVED**

2/10/28

*That the order of the meeting be confirmed.*

Councillor Taranaki / Councillor Simmons

## **6 VISITORS**

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There were no visitors apart from Submitters for item 9.

## **7 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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File: 01-85-12

**Minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on 13 April 2010.**

Councillor Hoverd joined the meeting at 9.05am.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/29

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 13 April 2010 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.*

Councillor Thomas / Mayor Livingston

## **8 TREE REMOVAL: MIGHTY RIVER DOMAIN AT LAKE KARAPIRO**

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File: 01-68-01

**Report of Manager Community Facilities, T Roxburgh dated 7 April 2010.**

Manager Community Facilities, T Roxburgh outlined the report before providing a map of the Domain clearly showing the tree's location. Mr Roxburgh commented on the potential visual impediment and noted Council's current tree policy does not contain the removal of trees for the purpose of views.

Members queried the overall amenity impact, proposed strategic plantings and overall condition of the tree. Mayor Livingston said staff had selectively culled trees on the Domain due to age and condition. He said strategic plantings would ensure shade and aesthetic qualities were maintained.

Councillor Barnes joined the meeting at 9.12am.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/30

*That*

- a) *The report of the Manager Community Facilities, Tony Roxburgh dated 7 April 2010 be received; and*
- b) *the Policy Committee recommend to Council that the Douglas Fir tree located at the southern end of the public embankment on Mighty River Domain be removed as soon as is practicable to accommodate the World Rowing Championships 2010.*

Councillor Sharpe / Mayor Livingston

**9 WAIPA DISTRICT DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2010/11 AND PROPOSED FEES & CHARGES – CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS**

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File: 01-91-43

**Report of Senior Planner, S Des Forges dated 27 April 2010.**

The Chairperson, G Jull welcomed Councillors to the annual plan hearings and outlined the process. He said this was the time for the submitters to present their submissions and any further information they had to offer. He also said that Councillors could ask questions but they should be contained to matters of clarification.

Deputy Chief Executive and Group Manager Planning & Community Relations, R McNeil outlined the information contained in the agenda which was provided to assist Committee members with the submission consideration process.

As the first submitter was scheduled for 10.30am Manager Strategy, G Knighton read, and the Committee acknowledged, each submission for which the submitter had not sought to be heard.

Mayor Livingston queried whether the staff response for submission two adequately addressed the issue raised. He noted the staff response related to rural fire permits whilst the submission was related to urban fires.

Councillor Hoverd queried submission 35 which refers to page 40 of the draft Annual Plan where Council seeks to encourage reduced use of motorcars and intends to measure success via satisfaction with the maintenance of footpaths. He requested staff review to determine if an error had been made.

Mr McNeil highlighted the two late submissions, Gracelands Group of Services and, Allister & Mary Bennett, noting both submitters were attending to present their submissions.

The meeting adjourned for the morning tea break at 9.45am and reconvened at 10.17am.

The Committee then heard from submitters wishing to speak to their submission. In between verbal submissions, the Committee continued to read and acknowledge each submission that had been received, but was not being spoken to. Submitters heard included:

- Rob Feisst & John Bishop representing the Cambridge Community Board
- Maree Kaati & John Bishop representing the Cambridge Visitor Information Centre
- Phil McCreery & Richard Carter representing Cambridge High School
- Bill Izzard representing the Kihikihi Residents & Ratepayers
- Richard Paul
- Robin Astridge representing Pirongia Visitors Centre
- Sabina Owen

Mr Knighton outlined the Pirongia Residents & Ratepayers Association submission due to their non attendance.

The meeting adjourned for the lunch break at 11.59am and reconvened at 12.59pm.

- Dean Taylor representing the Te Awamutu Community Board
- Monique Mexted & Brian Boswell representing the Te Awamutu Reserves & Landscape Committee
- Russell Easton, Steve Gibson & Keith Parsons representing the Te Awamutu Rugby Sports & Recreation Club
- Russell Easton representing the Climax 1317 Trust
- Peter Graydon representing the Ngaroto Lake Care Group
- John Parker representing the Kaipaki Reserve Development Project
- Dean Williams representing the Waikato / Bay of Plenty Regional Orchestra Steering Group
- John McLaren representing Active Transport Cambridge & TA
- Alan & Christine Baker

- Jan Jeffers & Matthew Cooper representing Sport Waikato
- Kevin Churchill representing CCS Disability Action Waikato

The meeting adjourned for the afternoon tea break at 3.17pm and reconvened at 3.29pm.

- Leroy Leach representing Mighty River Power
- Paul Le Miere representing Waikato Federated Farmers
- Environment Waikato
- Simon Perry & Mike McCleery representing Brian Perry Charitable Trust
- Matthew Blunden representing Gracelands Group of Services
- Allister and Mary Bennett

Mr Knighton outlined the New Zealand Transport Agency submission due to their non attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 4.33pm and will reconvene in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 12 May commencing at 9.00am.

*Minutes of a reconvened meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chambers, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Wednesday 12 May commencing at 9.00am.*

## **1 PRESENT**

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Councillor GH Jull - Chairperson

### **Members**

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston; Councillors – EH Barnes, MEH Cox, LWE Hoverd, PL Lee, EC Newlands, 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 and Group Manager Planning & Community Relations, R McNeil; Group Manager Service Delivery, B Bergin; Group Manager Business Support, K Morris; Manager Finance, K Perumal; Manager Strategy, G Knighton; Financial Planner, D Frederick; Governance Support Senior, C Shaw; Committee Secretary, S King.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

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There were no apologies.

## **3 WAIPA DISTRICT DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2010/11 AND PROPOSED FEES & CHARGES – CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS**

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File: 01-91-43

**This item continued from the previous session.**

Deputy Chief Executive and Group Manager Planning & Community Relations, R McNeil outlined the process for the deliberations and presented a summary of the submitter's requests. Mr McNeil noted the assumptions under which the 10-year Plan was developed no longer held true and this had been acknowledged in the draft Annual Plan. He advised the key message given to the public was one of restraint.

Members discussed the impact of depreciation on the Annual Plan budget. Group Manager Business Support, K Morris outlined the legislation and Council's treatment of depreciation. Mr Morris said a workshop would be held to further discuss these matters. He commented on changes to the capital expenditure programme including project deferrals but noted there would be no impact on the 10/11 budget resulting from these changes.

Members considered the major requests received for funding by:

- Cambridge Community Sports Hall - \$100,00
- Te Awamutu Sports – Albert Park - \$50,000 + \$670,000 (2011/12)
- Cambridge/Karapiro Cycleway - \$ 400,000
- Future Proof - \$26,000
- Cambridge Information Centre - \$10,000
- Climax Engine - \$20,000
- Kaipaki Recreation Centre - \$200,000
- Campervan Dump Station - \$15,000
- Gracelands - \$50,000

### **Cambridge Community Sports Hall**

Members commented on the Council's commitment of a maximum of \$1.8m towards the Sports Hall and the request of further funding for work to be completed resulting from the resource consent processes. Chief Executive, G Dyet said Council had been asked to fund the full cost of the required works. Group Manager Service Delivery, B Bergin spoke on the required works and members received further information on the Heads of Agreement signed by Council and Cambridge High School. Members then discussed the options available.

### **RESOLVED**

2/10/31

*That the Chief Executive negotiate with Cambridge High School to:*

- a) split the cost of the works which are required as part of the resource consent for the Community Sports Hall with each party funding 50%; or,*
- b) fund the required works up to 100% following negotiations should it be determined to be in the best interests of the community; and,*
- c) the work be funded through a loan up to a maximum of \$100,000.*

Councillor Cox / Councillor Lee

### **Te Awamutu Sports – Albert Park**

Mr McNeil noted the Club were seeking seed funding of \$50,000, with a further \$670,000 sought in 2011/12, and advised there were no reserve development funds currently available for this project.

The meeting adjourned for the morning tea break at 10.15am and reconvened at 10.30am.

Mr McNeil said the initiative had strong ownership from the Club but staff suggest Council may still want to exercise control over the outcome of the project should funding be provided. He said the project in principle would be a legitimate call on future reserve development contributions. Councillor Newlands said the seed money is to progress the project and enable detailed drawings and pricing to be completed. He said this was required before other funders would consider the project and noted the current grandstand was in a deteriorating state with significant costs expected within the next few years for maintenance and renovation. He indicated that a minimum of \$35,000 would be required to complete design work.

Property Services Team Leader, C Windleborn said the grandstand was owned by Council and the annual budget for maintenance was \$6,000. He noted a condition assessment highlighting the need for additional money to be spent on the grandstand had recently been completed and was not programmed into 10-year Plan. He noted that should the project progress a community trust would be formed and operate separate to TA Sports to manage the facilities and a lease would be formulated.

Mr McNeil noted there were two aspects to the submission, an initial seed fund request and a potential requirement for further funding of \$670,000 towards the \$2.5m facility. He suggested the potential for further funding could be included for consideration in the next 10-year Plan process commencing in 2011. He said the submitter was also seeking a letter of support to present to potential funders.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/32

*The Policy Committee support the project in principle and commits \$35k, to be rate funded, to support the preparation of design and associated consents.*

Mayor Livingston / Councillor Barnes

**Cambridge / Karapiro Cycleway**

Mayor Livingston said the offer by the Brian Perry Trust would allow this section to act as a flagship for the Te Awa walkway/cycleway. Mr Bergin spoke on the roading conditions, roading budget implications and concerns raised by councillors of an impact in overall levels of service within the District. The congruence with the submission from Active Transport was noted.

Financial Planner, D Frederick commented on the funding options available. She said other sources of potential funding may reduce the amount of the loan. Mr McNeil said if Council signalled its support for the project this would enable further progress on finalising design work on the 'Crow's-nest' section of the route.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/33

*That a maximum of \$450,000 towards the Cambridge / Karapiro cycleway project be funded by way of loan.*

Councillor Cox / Councillor Sharpe  
Councillor Barnes recorded her vote against the motion.

**Future Proof**

Mr McNeil noted this request was based on a proposed budget.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/34

*That up to an additional \$26,000 be provided for the Future Proof project to an overall maximum of \$51,000.*

Mayor Livingston / Councillor Scaramuzza

**Cambridge Information Centre**

Mr McNeil commented on the consistency and precedent nature of the matters raised by this request. He suggested the issues of lease arrangements and contract for service matters were best referred to management and Council's property department. Staff will progress discussions and report back to Council at a future meeting.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/35

*That the funding request by the Cambridge Information Centre be declined at this time.*

Councillor Webber / Mayor Livingston

**Climax Engine**

Mr Dyet said the refurbishment of the engine was funded from reserve development contributions but due to the drop in growth the flow of money was outpaced by the work requirements. Mr McNeil said the project was a legitimate call on future reserve contributions and noted the funding and timing could be negotiated with the Trust.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/36

*That \$20,000 be funded by the Reserve Development Contributions budget for the Climax engine restoration.*

Councillor Hoverd / Councillor Barnes

### **Kaipaki Recreation Centre**

Members commented on the importance of community support, need for a business plan and the opportunity to encourage greater use of existing facilities which would then indicate strong community demand for the project. Mr Dyet said this project would need to be considered and prioritised against other proposed projects during an annual plan or 10-year Plan process.

#### **RESOLVED**

2/10/37

*That Council acknowledge the proposal but request the group develop a business plan which would show the level of community support for the development of the complex so that it can be considered during the next LTCCP process.*

Councillor Scaramuzza / Councillor Cox

### **Campervan Dump Station**

Mr Dyet said the number of disposal points in the District was minimal, noting one was located at the Mobil service station in Te Awamutu but that there was no facility in Cambridge. Mr Windleborn said there was one at the motor camp in Cambridge but was not for general use by the public. Mr Dyet said those who wished to use appropriate facilities were travelling into Hamilton. He did note that Mystery Creek would have a temporary site available during the World Rowing Championships.

#### **RESOLVED**

2/10/38

*That a maximum of \$15,000 be allocated for a dump station in Cambridge.*

Councillor Webber / Councillor Taranaki

### **Gracelands Group of Services**

Mr McNeil said Gracelands received a \$50,000 grant for the 'Green Team' following the loss of the street cleaning contract, which was an arrangement agreed to by the previous chief executive, John Inglis. Mr Dyet said management had discussed factoring in a social value component when considering contracts. He noted the street cleaning contract was due for review in 2011 and suggested the grant continue for the 10/11 financial year only. He reiterated there was no pre-determined outcome of the tender process.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/39

*That Gracelands receive a \$50,000 grant for the 10/11 financial year.*

Mayor Livingston / Councillor Barnes

**Cambridge Community Board**

Mr McNeil outlined the reasons for the request.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/40

*That the request for \$1,500 from the Cambridge Community Board for the costs associated with the installation of the Christmas lights be declined and the Board be advised the minor community works fund is an appropriate source.*

Councillor Newlands / Councillor Barnes

**Cambridge Citizens Advice Bureau**

Mr McNeil outlined the reasons for the request.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/41

*That the request for \$500 for normal operating expenditure from the Cambridge Citizens Advice Bureau be declined and the Bureau be advised to apply to the Cambridge Community Board for assistance.*

Councillor Webber / Councillor Jull

**Enviroschools**

Members discussed the increase in funding provided in the 10-year Plan and the Council's commitment in the overall environmental area.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/42

*That the request by Environment Waikato for an additional \$4,000 towards the Enviroschools be declined.*

Mayor Livingston / Councillor Cox

**OPUS Waikato / BOP Regional Orchestra**

Members briefly discussed the appropriate level of support.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/43

*That the Policy Committee support in principle a regional orchestra but decline to allocate funding but recommend an approach to the Cambridge Community Board, Te Awamutu Community Board and Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee.*

Councillor Newlands / Councillor Cox

**Fees & Charges – Trade Waste**

Mr McNeil said no submissions were received on trade waste fees and charges.

**Fees & Charges – Fire Permits**

Mr McNeil said there were two dimensions to fire permits. He said the urban requirements specify that no fires are permitted in an urban area unless a permit has been issued. Secondly, Mr McNeil said the introduction of a fee for rural permits in the restricted fire season is limited by the Bylaw which states no fees are payable other than an inspection fee. He said inherent in the proposal to introduce a fee would be a review of the Bylaw utilising the special consultative procedure. Members discussed the benefits and consequences of introducing a fee.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/44

*That the proposed fees and charges for Fire Permits be addressed as part of a review of the Waipa District Fire Control Bylaw 2007.*

Councillor Scaramuzza / Councillor Cox

Chairperson Jull said he had to attend an appointment at the hospital and an acting chairperson would need to be appointed for the remainder of the meeting. He called for nominations and then nominated Councillor Webber. No other nominations were received.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/45

*That Councillor GRP Webber be appointed Chairperson for the remainder of the meeting.*

Councillor Jull / Councillor Thomas

Adjourned 12.30pm – reconvened at 1.00pm. Councillor Webber assumed the Chair. Councillors Newlands, Jull and Cox were not in attendance.

Members continued to review the requests by submitters not already discussed.

### **Carly Tims**

Mr Bergin said the submission related to signage around schools and this will be subject of a workshop to update members on the progress OPUS have made.

### **Sue Ford**

Mr McNeil said that an approved incinerator, which is specifically designed to stop fly ash and minimise smoke, was the only option available to meet the requirements of the Fire Control Bylaw. (*Refer to related discussion and resolution 2/10/44 above*).

### **Historic Places Trust**

Mr McNeil said the submission pertained to the Cambridge Water Tower and had been considered by staff who will ensure a structural assessment is undertaken.

### **Cycle Action Waikato**

Mr McNeil reiterated the decision to decline the invitation to join the NZ Cycling Advocate Network as noted in the staff comment on page 34 of the agenda.

### **Kevin Arthur**

Mr Bergin said the seal extension priority list showed Te Miro Road ranked second in priority.

Members requested that parking and connection to the Te Awa river trail be considered as part of process the seal extension priority review process.

### **Richard Paul**

Manager Strategy, G Knighton said staff comments relating to submission six by Mr Paul were incorrect in that the plan change work was approximately \$50,000 not \$30,000 as indicated.

### **Cambridge Reserve Landscape Committee**

Mr McNeil commented on submission seven proposing the addition of a public toilet at the polo grounds in Lamb St, Cambridge. He said the matter should be considered as part of a review of the town belt management plan.

### **Cambridge Community Board**

Mr McNeil said the issue of amenity services had been dealt with previously during the deliberations.

### **Te Awamutu Community Board**

The submission by the Te Awamutu Community Board regarding pedestrian accesses will require further consultation with NZTA and investigation by staff. Mr Knighton said there were no plans to review parking signage at this time, however existing signage maintenance programmes would be assessed by staff. Mr McNeil said there was scope within the Bylaw to ensure rubbish and recycling pickups are coordinated to occur on one day and this would be reviewed.

### **H Clive Garrish**

Mr McNeil said the issue of fire permits had been discussed previously. *(Refer to related discussion and resolution 2/10/44 above).*

### **CCS Disability Action Waikato**

Mr McNeil noted the main thrust of the submission was that the NZ Standard was out of date and Council could advocate for its review.

### **Environment Waikato**

Mr McNeil said the reference to privet control on rail reserves had been discussed during the submitter hearing and was considered an error in the submission. He said the staff comment relating to the transport management issue was in error and should have noted \$115,000 was allocated in the 2010/11 budget, not \$207,000 as stated.

### **June Bright**

Mr McNeil said the appropriate place to consider ecologically sound burial options is during the Policy Manual review, which is currently underway.

### **Sport Waikato**

Mr McNeil noted funding was already included in the draft Annual Plan and the submission related to appreciation of the support provided.

### **Kihikihi Residents & Ratepayers**

Members commented appreciatively on the submission from the group and Mr McNeil said the submission signalled a level of detail beyond that incorporated into the town concept plan. He said development of an implementation plan would provide a focus for Kihikihi and be incorporated into other plans, such as the LTCCP, as appropriate. He said staff would assist the Group with the creation of an action plan.

**Sabina Owen**

Members discussed the request for the Ohaupo and Te Pahu Residents and Ratepayer groups to be included in the grant allocation to the Pirongia Residents and Ratepayers Association.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/46

*That*

- a) *Pirongia Residents and Ratepayers Association receive \$3,500 in grants, being \$1,500 general and \$2,000 for secretarial; and*
- b) *The balance of \$1,500 goes in the Pirongia Residents and Ratepayers Association grant fund for allocation to the Ohaupo and Te Pahu Residents and Ratepayer groups.*

Councillor Sharpe / Councillor Thomas

Mr Knighton said the stormwater rating issue was discussed with Sabina following her initial submission on the redefinition of urban and rural areas of drainage in 2009. He said the 2010 submission showed more work was needed on the levels of service and a policy developed for rating. Mr McNeil noted previous staff investigations concluded there would be no benefit to ratepayers to have an additional rating area covering rural residential as the rating base was so small.

**Peter Spiller**

Mr Dyet reiterated previous investigations into reticulated water to Maungakawa Road had proven it was not financially viable.

**Ngaroto Lake Care Group**

Mr McNeil reiterated the ongoing programme of works planned for 2010/11 outlined on page 61 of the agenda.

**Mighty River Power**

Mr McNeil reiterated staff comment outlined on page 61 of the agenda that Council is progressing towards a comprehensive Three Waters Strategy.

**M & C Mexted**

Mr McNeil noted there were a number of projects, such as Victoria Park, that can be considered for inclusion in the reserve development programme. He noted that this was a prioritised programme with limited funding currently.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/46

*That the Policy Committee refer the consideration of an upgrade of Victoria Park to the Te Awamutu Community Board.*

Councillor Barnes / Councillor Hoverd

**Te Awamutu Reserves & Landscape Committee**

Mr Bergin said staff attend meetings of the Committee and had undertaken to investigate the signage relating to the Pioneer Walk.

**Waikato Federated Farmers**

Mr McNeil said Council does have a rates postponement policy but it applies to urban ratepayers only. He said the next opportunity to review the policy is as part of the next LTCCP. Councillor Sharpe noted that central Government had provided relief previously during times of drought.

**Robert Shirley**

Mr McNeil said the issue of fire permits had been discussed previously. *(Refer to related discussion and resolution 2/10/44 above).*

**Maria & Robert Lupton**

Mr Bergin said Te Miro Road was second on the priority list for seal extensions after Limeworks Loop Road. He said the blind corner may be able to be sealed earlier due to safety concerns and staff would investigate this pending budget considerations.

**Cambridge High School**

Mr Dyet said the submission by Cambridge High School had been discussed earlier. *(Refer to discussion and resolution 2/10/31).*

**A & C Baker**

Mr Knighton said the safety concerns and number of workers using the road had not been picked up by staff in the comments made in the agenda. He reiterated the comment that dust suppression methodologies will be investigated and staff will further consider the safety and usage issues.

**Active Transport Cambridge & Te Awamutu**

Mr Knighton said staff were meeting with Active Transport and Sport Waikato to identify safety routes to schools and members noted the resolution to progress the Cambridge / Karapiro cycleway.

### **Cambridge Visitor Information Centre**

Mr Knighton said there were two elements of the submission: refurbishment and the contract for service which would both be appropriate for staff to consider. He said the gardens were being upgraded prior to the World Rowing Championships.

### **Pirongia Residents & Ratepayers Association**

Mr McNeil said further investigation into the agreement for the development of the walkway from Inglefield Street to Collinson Road was required.

Cr Simmons left the meeting at 2.05pm.

### **Alistair and Mary Bennett**

Members discussed the safety aspects, usage and history of Kimberly Road. Mr McNeil commented on the seal extension programme which is reviewed every three years as part of the 10-year Plan process.

### **Summary**

Mr McNeil outlined the resolutions made during the deliberations and Mr Morris commented on the financial implications of those decisions (totalling \$95,000). Mr Dyet noted a significant portion, being \$50,000, was allocated to Gracelands Group of Services which was not an essential service item but was considered as a grant. This meant the grant could only be funded by the general rate.

The meeting adjourned 2.32pm to allow staff time to review the financial changes and reconvened at 2.46pm.

Mr Dyet updated Councillors on the financial options. Members debated the implications of putting further pressure on existing budgets and the options presented by Mr Dyet. Members also considered the high level of services provided in the District and the effect of rates increases on residents.

Mr Dyet reminded members the main drivers of the rates increase was due to reduced income and increased costs such as capital expenditure projects: Karapiro Domain, Leamington CBD, Community Sports Hall and other community projects.

### **RESOLVED**

2/10/47

*That resolutions be confirmed proposed rate revenue increase for 2010/11 be 5.4%.*

Councillor Scaramuzza / Councillor Thomas  
Councillor Hoverd recorded his vote against the motion.

Mr McNeil noted that a predicted rise in GST would be confirmed prior to the amended annual plan's adoption by Council in June.

**RESOLVED**

2/10/48

*That:*

- a) *The report of the Senior Planner Sandra Des Forges dated 27 April 2010 be received;*
- b) *The Policy Committee recommend to Council the confirmation of fees and charges at its meeting on 25 May 2010, as publicly notified in March 2010 subject to noting that proposed fees for fire permits are subject to further public consultation with a review of Fire Control Bylaw 2007;*
- c) *The draft Annual Plan 2010 be amended having regard to resolutions 2/10/31 to 2/1046 inclusive, and referred to the June meeting of the Policy Committee for confirmation and recommendation to Council for adoption.*

Councillor Thomas / Councillor Scaramuzza

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.05pm.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

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

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

Completed and dispatched: 18 May 2010