

*Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chambers, Waipa District Council offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Tuesday 9 September 2008 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 9.11am], MEH Cox, LWE Hoverd, PL Lee, DL Sharpe, GW Simmons, BJ Taranaki, BS Thomas, GRP Webber and Committee Member V Ingley.

### **Public**

None

### **Others**

Chief Executive, J Inglis; Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil; Group Manager – Finance, S Kew; Environmental Safety Manager, J McFarlane; Environmental Health Officer & Liquor Licence Inspector, K Tutty; Committee Secretary, S King.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

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### **RESOLVED**

2/08/76

*That the apologies for non attendance from Councillor Newlands and Councillor Scaramuzza; and, the apology for lateness from Councillor Barnes, be received.*

Cr Simmons / Cr Sharpe

## **3 LATE ITEMS**

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There were no late items.

## **4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING**

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File: 01-85-12

### **RESOLVED**

2/08/77

*That the order of the meeting be confirmed, with Item 8 to be taken before Item 7.*

Cr Lee / Cr Cox

## **5 VISITORS**

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There were no visitors.

## **6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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File: 01-85-12

**Minutes of Policy Committee meeting held on 12 August 2008 were included in the agenda**

### **RESOLVED**

2/08/78

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 12 August 2008 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings, with the inclusion of Councillors Lee's apology for non attendance and 'adjourning' changed to 'adjoining' on page 12.*

Cr Taranaki / Cr Lee

Item 8 was taken after Item 6.

## **7 DISTRICT PROMOTION FUND – REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2008**

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File: 02-03-01-002

**Report of Economic Development Facilitator dated 20 August 2008 was included in the agenda.**

Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil advised that this annual agenda item sets out a summary of the funding allocations and outcomes for the 2007/08 year. He noted that two events, Balloons Over Waikato and Wings & Wheels Over Waikato, did not proceed and therefore the allocated money went back into the available pool.

Mr McNeil noted that the allocation of the budget had an estimated economic benefit of \$1.4m. The assumption that the average daily spend of \$35 per participant provides a realistic estimate of benefit.

The funded events, both established and new, provide a good variety, reflecting sports, art and community activities. The emphasis on the Waipa District instead of individual towns was discussed.

Mr McNeil advised that approximately twenty applications for the main funding round would be considered at the next District Promotion Committee meeting, however as applications can be lodged throughout the year, further Committee meetings will be scheduled as required.

**RESOLVED**

2/08/81

*That the report of the Economic Development Facilitator dated 20 August 2008 be received.*

Cr Cox / Cr Webber

The meeting adjourned for the morning tea break at 10.09am and recommenced at 10.34am. Councillor Cox did not rejoin the meeting at that time. Item 9 was taken at that time.

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**8 WAIPA DISTRICT PUBLIC PLACES LIQUOR CONTROL BYLAW 2008**

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File: 33-12-01

**Report of Environmental Safety Officer dated 4 August 2008 was included in the agenda**

Group Manger – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil outlined the issues behind the proposed Bylaw, particularly that the local Police wished to see a Bylaw introduced to support their enforcement activities. Environmental Safety Manager, J McFarlane advised that the Local Government Act 2002 makes specific provision for liquor control bylaws and outlined how other Waikato Councils approach this issue.

Councillor Barnes joined the meeting at 9.11am.

The District Health Board have been consulted as part of the process to date. Members were advised of the process for making the Bylaw, including Council's ability to amend the bylaw restrictions by way of resolution.

NZ Police Senior Sergeant, Dave Simes commented on the increase in disorderly behaviour / violence / unlawful damage and drink driving that has occurred during the past year. The number of liquor shops opening and the subsequent availability of alcohol has been indicated as a contributor. Senior Sergeant Simes advised that this bylaw will provide an effective tool to deal with groups of people congregating and drinking in particular public areas.

In response to a question, Senior Sergeant Simes advised that evidence from other areas where similar bylaws are in place indicates prohibiting drinking in certain areas will not generally result in the problem shifting to other public places.

**RESOLVED**

2/08/79

*That Princes Street be removed from the proposed Cambridge liquor ban area, with the northern boundary of the proposed area to be Thornton Road, and that the proposed prohibited areas of central Cambridge and Leamington be connected by including Victoria Bridge, and the relevant sections of Cook, Burns and Shakespeare Streets.*

Cr Webber / Cr Sharpe

Senior Sergeant Simes advised that the drinking culture has changed away from licensed premises with large scale parties increasing during the last twelve to eighteen months. Environmental Health Officer & Liquor Licence Inspector, K Tutty advised that an enforcement bill is being reviewed and a review by the Law Commission of the Act itself is currently being undertaken. Also, a draft Youth Alcohol and Minimisation Strategy is being prepared. These three measures will assist with this problem.

**RESOLVED**

2/08/80

*That*

- a) *the report of the Environmental Safety Manager, Jennie McFarlane dated 4 August 2008 be received;*
- b) *the Statement of Proposal (attached as below to this report with the amendments as resolved) to make the Waipa District Public Places Liquor Control Bylaw 2008 be notified in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 and be released for public comment on Tuesday 16 September 2008;*
- c) *submissions be received on the Statement of Proposal until 5pm on Monday 20 October 2008;*
- d) *submissions be considered at a meeting of the Policy Committee to be held on Tuesday 11 November 2008; and*
- e) *following consideration of submissions on the Statement of Proposal, Council confirm the making of the Waipa District Public Places Liquor Control Bylaw 2008 at a meeting scheduled for Tuesday 25 November 2008.*

Cr Taranaki / Cr Webber

**STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL**

**WAIPA DISTRICT PUBLIC PLACES LIQUOR CONTROL BYLAW 2008**

*Prepared pursuant to sections 145 and 147 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

*This is a proposal to make the Waipa District Public Places Liquor Control Bylaw 2008 at a meeting of the Waipa District Council to be held in Te Awamutu on 25 November 2008 commencing at 9.00am. The Bylaw is being made under the Local Government Act 2002 which requires the preparation of a Statement of Proposal, including a summary of the information contained in the Statement of Proposal. The full draft Waipa District Public Places Liquor Control Bylaw 2008 forms part of the Statement of Proposal as does the report to Council dated 4 August 2008 prepared by Council's Environmental Safety Manager. The report explains that section 147 of the Local Government Act 2002 specifically provides territorial authorities with the power to make bylaws for liquor control purposes.*

*A Summary of the information contained in the Statement of Proposal is detailed below and will be published in the Te Awamutu Courier and Cambridge Edition newspapers during September 2008.*

## **SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

*It is proposed to introduce a Bylaw with liquor controls over certain public places in the District. This will help ensure that town centres and public places are safer for local communities, which is in common with around 49 other territorial authorities now with liquor bans in place. The Local Government Act 2002 provides for a territorial authority to make a bylaw to control the consumption of, bringing of or possession of liquor in a public place. Those public places are specified in the proposed Bylaw and include the Central Business Districts of Te Awamutu, Kihikihi, Cambridge and Leamington and the skateboard parks. The Bylaw provisions will be enforced by local police in accordance with the powers granted to them through the Local Government Act 2002 and under the Bylaw. The liquor ban in the specified areas will apply all year round and for 24 hours a day. Signage will be installed and a communications plan developed to ensure that the community is informed of the specified areas. The Bylaw also provides for Council to resolve to add additional events to be included under the Bylaw restrictions, if required. It is intended for the Bylaw to become operative before Christmas December 2008.*

## **SUBMISSIONS**

*It is proposed to release the draft Bylaw for submissions on Tuesday 16 September 2008. Submissions must be in writing and will close at 5pm on Monday 20 October 2008. Council will acknowledge in writing each submission received. It is proposed that submissions will be heard by the Policy Committee of Council at the meeting to be held in Te Awamutu on 11 November 2008 commencing at 9.00am. Submitters wishing to be heard in support of their submission must clearly state this in their submission. All submitters wishing to be heard will be given notice of the hearing time.*

**Availability: Copies of the Statement of Proposal and Summary of Information and submission forms will be available from:**

### **Te Awamutu**

*Council Offices  
101 Bank Street Te Awamutu  
Phone: (07 872 0030)  
Freephone: 0800 924 723*

*Council Library  
Roche Street Te Awamutu*

### **Cambridge**

*Council Offices  
23 Wilson Street Cambridge  
Phone: (07 823 3800)*

*Council Library  
23 Wilson Street Cambridge*

*Submissions can be made as follows:*

- 1) *by mail to Waipa District Council Private Bag 2402 Te Awamutu 3840*
- 2) *by email to [bridget.larsen@waipadc.govt.nz](mailto:bridget.larsen@waipadc.govt.nz)*
- 3) *by fax to 07 872 0033*
- 4) *delivery to Waipa District Council Offices 101 Bank Street Te Awamutu or 23 Wilson Street Cambridge.*

*John Inglis  
Chief Executive*

Item 7 was taken after Item 8, followed by Item 9.

## **9 WAIPA DISTRICT COMMUNITY OUTCOMES REVIEW AND PARTNERSHIP PROCESS**

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File: 01-91-42/3

### **Report of Community Planning and Governance Manager dated 22 August 2008 was included in the agenda**

Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil outlined the workshops which were convened in both Cambridge and Te Awamutu with an independent facilitator. The information presented for consideration is part of an important ongoing partnership process. The next stage in the process is to work with the community groups to confirm how their work contributes to the desired community outcomes. A report on progress towards the achievement of community outcomes is being prepared, which will identify gaps and priorities, and will be presented to the Policy Committee in due course.

Councillor Cox rejoined the meeting at 10.35am.

### **RESOLVED**

2/08/82

*That the report of the Community Planning and Governance Manager dated 22 August 2008 be received.*

Cr Barnes / Cr Hoverd

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.50am.

### **CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

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

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