

Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2019** commencing at **9.00am**.

Present:

Cr JM Gibb (Chairperson)
Cr AD Bech
Cr JA Church
Cr DW Fulton [*until 10.33am and from 10.58am*]
Cr SL Henderson
Cr SD Lynch [*until 12.20pm and from 12.32pm*]
Cr RC McGuire
Cr FM McNally
Cr BL Main
Cr EM Patterson
Cr JD Sedgwick
Cr NMD Smith [*until 12.08pm and from 12.11pm*]
Cr LR Thomson

Attending:

Mr B MacLeod (Raglan Community Board Chairperson)
Mr G Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr T Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)
Mr C Morgan (General Manager Community Growth)
Mrs LM Wainwright (Committee Secretary)
Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer)
Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager)
Ms A Murphy (Corporate Planner)
Ms S Soloman (Junior Corporate Planner)
Ms L Van Den Bemd (Community Development Advisor)
Mr W Gauntlett (RM Policy Team Leader)
Ms D Dalbeth (Business Analyst)
Ms J Dolan (Economic and Community Development Manager)
Ms K Cousins (Economic Development Marketing Manager)
Mr C Bailey (Rates Team Leader)
Dr S McTaggart (University of Auckland)
Mr J Dawson (Chief Executive Hamilton & Waikato Tourism)
Members of staff
Member of the public

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Thomson)

THAT an apology be received from His Worship the Mayor, Mr Sanson.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1902/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Lynch/Church)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on Wednesday 27 February 2019 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting with the exception of those items detailed at agenda item 7 which shall be considered with the public excluded;

AND THAT all reports be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Chair of the Raglan Community Board be given speaking rights for the duration of the open section of this meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1902/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cr Church advised members of the Committee that she would declare a non financial conflict of interest in item 5.1 *[Impact of rapid urbanisation on the governance of small and rural primary schools in the Northern Waikato]*.

Cr Henderson advised members of the Committee that she would declare a non financial conflict of interest in item 5.1 *[Impact of rapid urbanisation on the governance of small and rural primary schools in the Northern Waikato]*.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Patterson)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on Wednesday 28 November 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1902/03

STRATEGY REPORTS

Impact of rapid urbanisation on the governance of small and rural primary schools in the Northern Waikato

Agenda Item 5.1

The report was received [*S&F1902/02 refers*] and discussion was held. Dr McTaggart gave a verbal presentation and answered questions of the committee.

Hamilton & Waikato Tourism Six Monthly Report: 01 July – 31 December 2018

Agenda Item 5.2

The report was received [*S&F1902/02 refers*] and discussion was held. Mr Dawson gave a verbal and powerpoint presentation and answered questions of the committee.

Approval of draft Waikato Blueprint for public feedback

Agenda Item 5.3

The report was received [*S&F1902/02 refers*] and discussion was held. The Planning & Policy Manager gave a verbal update and answered questions of the committee. The Corporate Planner was thanked by the committee and answered questions of the committee.

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Bech)

THAT the Strategy and Finance Committee agree to release the attached draft, Waikato Blueprint document, including District and Local Area Blueprints, with factual amendments, for one month of public feedback.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1902/04

Cr Fulton withdrew from the meeting at 10.33am following discussion on the above item.

The meeting adjourned at 10.33am and reconvened at 10.55am.

Housing and Urban Development Authority

Agenda Item 5.4

The report was received [*S&F1902/02 refers*] and discussion was held. The Planning & Policy Manager gave a verbal update presentation and answered questions of the committee.

Cr Fulton re-entered the meeting at 10.58am during discussion on the above item.

Submission on the Local Government Funding and Financing Issues Paper
Agenda Item 5.5

The report was received [*S&F1902/02 refers*] and discussion was held. The Chief Financial Officer gave a verbal update and answered questions of the committee.

Resolved: (Crs Fulton/Lynch)

THAT the Committee recommends to Council that the submission on the Productivity Commission's Local Government Funding and Financing Issues Paper be approved retrospectively.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1902/05

Submission on WEL Energy Trust Draft Annual Plan 2019/2020
Agenda Item 5.6

The report was received [*S&F1902/02 refers*] and discussion was held. The General Manager Community Growth gave a verbal update and answered questions of the committee.

Resolved: (Crs McGuire/Main)

THAT Council approves the submission on the WEL Energy Trust Draft Annual Plan 2019/2020.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1902/06

Consultation Results on the Proposed Target Rate Increase for Matangi Hall
Agenda Item 5.7

The report was received [*S&F1902/02 refers*] and discussion was held. The Junior Corporate Planner gave a verbal update and answered questions of the committee.

Resolved: (Crs McGuire/Church)

THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee recommend to Council to implement the proposed increase to the annual targeted rate from \$24 to \$30 as at 1 June 2019 to support the ongoing maintenance of the Matangi Hall.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1902/07

Request for Community Committee Grant – Pokeno Community Committee
Agenda Item 5.8

The report was received [*S&F1902/02 refers*] and discussion was held. The Community Development Advisor gave a verbal update and answered questions of the committee.

Resolved: (Crs Church/Lynch)

THAT an allocation of \$1,000.00 is made to the Pokeno Community Committee towards the cost associated with the running of the Committee.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1902/08

Economic Development Update
Agenda Item 5.9

The report was received [*S&F1902/02 refers*] and discussion was held. The Economic and Community Development Manager and Economic Development Marketing Officer gave verbal updates and answered questions of the committee.

Publication of the summary of submissions on the Proposed District Plan (Stage 1)
Agenda Item 5.10

The report was received [*S&F1902/02 refers*] and discussion was held. The RM Policy Team Leader and Planning & Policy Manager answered questions of the committee.

Mayoral Delegation to China November 2018
Agenda Item 5.11

The report was received [*S&F1902/02 refers*] and discussion was held. The General Manager Community Growth and Economic Development Marketing Officer answered questions of the committee.

FINANCE REPORTS

Financial Review of Key Projects
Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*S&F1902/02 refers*] and discussion was held. The Chief Operating Officer gave a verbal update and answered questions of the committee.

Summary of Movements in Discretionary Funds to 31 January 2019

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*S&F1902/02 refers*] and discussion was held. The Chief Financial Officer answered questions of the committee.

Cr Smith withdrew from the meeting at 12.08pm during discussion on the above item.

Treasury Risk Management Policy – Compliance Report at 31 December 2018

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*S&F1902/02 refers*] and discussion was held. The Chief Financial Officer gave a verbal update and answered questions of the committee.

Cr Smith re-entered the meeting at 12.11pm during discussion on the above item.

2019 Second Quarter Non-Financial Performance Report

Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [*S&F1902/02 refers*] and discussion was held. The Business Analyst answered questions of the committee.

Cr Lynch withdrew from the meeting at 12.20pm following discussion on the above item.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Item 7

Resolved: (Crs McInally/Patterson)

THAT the public be excluded from the whole or part of the meeting to enable Council to deliberate and make decisions on the following items of business:

Confirmation of Minutes dated Wednesday 28 November 2018.

