

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy & Regulatory Committee of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **MONDAY, 20 JULY 2020** commencing at **9.30am**.

Present:

Cr JD Sedgwick (Chairperson)
His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson [from 9.32am]
Cr AD Bech
Cr C Eyre
Cr JM Gibb
Cr SL Henderson
Cr SD Lynch
Cr RC McGuire
Cr FM McNally
Cr EM Patterson
Cr NMD Smith
Mrs M Moana-Tuwhangai
Cr LR Thomson
Cr CT Woolerton

Attending:

Mr D Whyte (Chair, Huntly Community Board)
Mrs D Lovell (Chair, Taupiri Community Board)

Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive)
Ms S O’Gorman (General Manager Customer Support)
Mr R MacCulloch (General Manager Service Delivery)
Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer)
Ms AM D’Aubert (Consents Manager)
Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager)
Mr W Hill (Consents Team Leader)
Ms M Russo (Corporate Planning Team Leader)
Ms S Solomon (Corporate Planner)
Ms B Clarke (Junior Corporate Planner)
Ms S Flay (Senior Communications Advisor)
Mrs LM Wainwright (Committee Secretary)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Gibb/Lynch)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Policy & Regulatory Committee held on Monday, 20 July 2020 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting;

AND THAT all reports be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Chair of the Huntly Community Committee, Mr Whyte and the Chair of the Taupiri Community Board, Mrs Lovell, be given speaking rights for the duration of the open section of this meeting.

CARRIED

P&R2007/01

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/McInally)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Policy & Regulatory Committee held on Monday, 16 March 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

P&R2007/02

ACTIONS REGISTER

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*P&R2007/01 refers*]. No discussion was held.

REPORTS

Delegated Resource Consents Approved for the months of March and April 2020

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*P&R2007/01 refers*]. The Consents Manager and Consents Team Leader summarised the report and the following matters were discussed:

- Wong & Bull LUC0211/20.

ACTION: Staff to advise elected members of the definition of reverse sensitivity and amenity effects.

- Eastside Heights – changes to stormwater.

His Worship the Mayor joined the meeting at 9.32am during discussions on the above item.

Summary of Applications determined by the District Licensing Committee October – December 2019

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [P&R2007/01 refers].

Summary of Applications determined by the District Licensing Committee January – March 2020

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [P&R2007/01 refers].

Review of the Significance and Engagement Policy

Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [P&R2007/01 refers]. The Corporate Planner summarised the report and the following matters were discussed:

- Significant Activity – Core services had been removed.
- Strategic asset – Museums were not a strategic asset for Waikato District Council.
- Community Boards and Committees are part of the process to help identify issues and views ensuring concerns and aspirations are understood and considered prior to decision-making.
- Community Boards and Committees were part of the process to help identify issues and views ensuring concerns and aspirations were understood and considered prior to decision-making.
- Removal of financial thresholds for Community Boards and Committees.

ACTION: Staff to update draft policy to replace “citizen panels” with “focus groups”.

Resolved: (Crs Bech/Eyre)

THAT the Policy and Regulatory Committee approves the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy as attached to the staff report, subject to any further changes as recommended by the Committee, for the purpose of public consultation;

AND THAT the proposed Significance and Engagement Policy, as amended, is publicly consulted on under Section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002;

AND FURTHER THAT submissions to the proposed Significance and Engagement Policy be presented to the October 2020 Policy and Regulatory Committee for consideration.

CARRIED

P&R2007/03

Lapsing of the Waikato District Council Fires in the Open Air Bylaw 2012
Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [*P&R2007/01 refers*]. The Junior Corporate Planner summarised the report and the following matters were discussed:

- Smoke nuisance was covered under Section 30 of the Health Act.
- The Auckland/Waikato boundary areas were different to fire district areas, which caused confusion to ratepayers.

Chief Executive's Business Plan
Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received [*P&R2007/01 refers*]. The Chief Executive summarised the report and the following matters were discussed:

- Recovery plan - 35 laptops had been distributed to staff. The second round of surveys with residents and businesses would be completed by mid-August 2020.
- The Waters Governance Board was fulfilling its function on behalf of Council. The Asset Management Plan and Mid Waikato Strategy would be considered at the Board meeting on Thursday, 23 July 2020.
- Staff surveys – Positive results had been received, ensuring staff were connected to the organisation.
- Workplan for Zero Harm had been redefined.

