

Minutes for a Hearing by the Policy & Regulatory Committee to hear and consider submissions and make recommendations on the Proposed Waikato District Council Alcohol Control Bylaw 2020, held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2020** commencing at **9.30am**.

Present:

Cr JD Sedgwick (Chairperson)
His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson
Cr AD Bech
Cr JA Church
Cr C Eyre
Cr SL Henderson
Cr SD Lynch
Cr RC McGuire
Cr EM Patterson
Cr LR Thomson
Cr CT Woolerton

Attending:

Mrs D Lovell (Chairperson, Taupiri Community Board)
Mr K Holmes (Submission 144)
Mr D Whyte (Chairperson, Huntly Community Board) (Submission 52)
Ms S Robertson (Tamahere Community Committee) (Submission 207)
Senior Sergeant D Hall (NZ Police) (Submission 210)
Mr C Rayner (Submission 60)
Senior Constable R Stevenson (NZ Police, Raglan) (Late Submission)

Mrs S Bourke (Community Safety Manager)
Mr A Pipe (Environmental Health Team Leader)
Ms J Bell-Wymer (Corporate Planner)
Ms S Solomon (Corporate Planner)
Ms K Ridling (Senior Solicitor)
Mrs LM Wainwright (Committee Secretary)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Church)

THAT an apology be received from Crs Gibb, McNally, Smith and Mrs Moana-Tuwhangai.

CARRIED

P&RHE2010/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Patterson)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Policy & Regulatory Committee held on Tuesday, 27 October be confirmed;

AND THAT all reports be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the late submission from the NZ Police, Raglan be received for consideration.

CARRIED

P&RHE2010/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

REPORT

Hearing for the Proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw 2020

The Environmental Health Team Leader, supported by Ms J Bell-Wymer, Corporate Planner, summarised the report and noted the following matters:

- Consultation had occurred and had included stakeholders, iwi representatives and Community Boards.
- 211 submissions had been received.
- 62% of submitters resided in the Raglan area.
- Key issues raised in submissions included:
 - Request received to include Tamahere in the control area.
 - Request to increase control areas in Pokeno and Meremere.
 - Request to remove a control area portion from Cliff Street, Raglan.

- Most submitters:
 - favoured Option 1 in respect to permanent ban areas,
 - did not agree with a permanent ban at specified beach and river locations associated with Wainui Reserve, Sunset Beach, Karioitahi Beach and Maraetai Bay,
 - agreed with a 9.00pm to 9.00am ban in council-controlled parks, reserves and esplanades, and
 - supported a yearly ban in the Raglan ward from 23 December to 6 January.

Resolved: (Crs Woolerton/Eyre)

THAT pursuant to sections 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Policy & Regulatory Committee consider and, where requested, hear submission on the notified Proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw 2020.

CARRIED

P&RHE2010/03

The following submissions were presented, and submitters responded to questions from the Committee:

Mr Holmes – Submission 144

The following matter was noted:

- Support for the 24-hour alcohol ban in the Raglan CBD from 23 December to 6 January. This would assist the Police in implementing alcohol controls.
- A District-wide ban was not supported.

Mr Whyte (Huntly Community Board) – Submission 52

Tabled Item - Huntly Community Board Submission 52

Mr Whyte summarised the PowerPoint presentation and noted the following matters:

- The Community Board supported option 2 for the Huntly area.
- Key issues - alcohol produced littering, broken glass hazards and disorderly behaviour.
- The community was concerned at the amount of broken bottles in public places.
- Impact of alcohol on the Huntly town.

Ms Robertson (Tamahere Community Committee) – Submission 207

Ms Robertson summarised the submission and noted the that the Tamahere Community Committee:

- requested the alcohol ban area to be extended to include the Village Hub at Tamahere,
- supported the ban hours of 9.00pm to 9.00am, and
- supported clear signage advertising the alcohol control bylaw in the Tamahere area.

Senior Sergeant D Hall (NZ Police) – Submission 210

Senior Sergeant Hall summarised the submission and noted the following matters:

- The Police supported:
 - Option one,
 - the ban hours of 9.00pm to 9.00am, and
 - the 24-hour a day ban in the Raglan CBD from 23 December to 10 February.
- The challenges of alcohol-related behaviour in Ngaruawahia, Huntly and Te Kauwhata.
- The bylaw was critical for policing alcohol issues.

Mr C Rayner – Submission 60

Mr Rayner summarised the submission and noted the following matters:

- Raglan had different requirements than Ngaruawahia and Huntly.
- Extension of the alcohol ban to the skatepark and picnic area in Raglan.
- Supported the 24-hour a day ban in the Raglan CBD from 23 December to 6 January.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30am and resumed at 10.53am, when the following submissions were heard.

Ms E Griffiths – Submission 177

Tabled Item – Ms E Griffiths Submission 177

Ms Griffiths was unable to attend the hearing. Council staff had received an emailed submission which was read to the Committee.

Senior Constable R Stevenson (NZ Police, Raglan) – Late Submission

Senior Constable Stevenson summarised the submission and noted the following matters:

- Support for the ban hours of 9.00pm to 9.00am.
- Support for the 24-hour a day ban in the Raglan CBD from 23 December to 6 January.
- Urban areas of Raglan did not require an alcohol ban.
- Police safety was imperative.
- Include the Papahua reserve, playground, skatepark and beach areas in the CBD exclusion zone.

The meeting adjourned at 11.20am and resumed at 11.42am.

No further submitters attended the hearing. The following matters were discussed by the Committee and Council staff:

- Before a decision can be made to change an alcohol ban area, Council must ensure that evidence had been received to support this change.
- Police had supplied historical evidence showing percentages of offences related to alcohol.

Maps

Discussion was held on the ban areas and times as follows:

Map Name	Comments
Sunset Beach, Port Waikato	Option 2
Wainui Reserve	No changes to the ban area. Ban times to be 9.00pm to 9.00am off season and 24 hours a day from 23 December to 6 January.
Maraetai Bay, Port Waikato	No changes to the ban area. Ban times 9.00pm to 9.00am.
Karioitahi Beach	No changes to the ban areas. 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
Ngaruawahia	Option 2
Taupiri	Option 2
Meremere	Option 2
Te Kauwhata	Option 2. Map to be extended to include the Waikare Estate area.
Huntly	Option 2

The meeting adjourned at 12.40pm and resumed at 1.14pm when further discussion was held on the maps.

Map Name	Comments
Raglan	Option 1. Reduce Cliff Street.
Pokeno	Option 1. Ban area to be extended to include the Pokeno Community Hall and Pokeno School.
Tuakau	Ban area to be extended to include Tuakau Cosmopolitan Club, Carr Street.
Raglan seasonal ban	Reduce seasonal ban time from 23 December to 6 January. Include Ruapuke beach and Bridal Veil Falls in the seasonal ban.

ACTION: Staff to provide updated maps to the Committee members prior to the Policy & Regulatory meeting on Monday, 23 November 2020.

Resolved: (Crs Eyre/Bech)

That subject to any amendments requested by the Policy & Regulatory Committee, the proposed bylaw be considered by the Policy & Regulatory Committee at its meeting on 23 November 2020 with a view to recommending the Proposed Waikato District Council Alcohol Control Bylaw 2020 for adoption at the Council meeting on 14 December 2020.

CARRIED

P&RHE2010/04

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 1.42pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2020.

JD Sedgwick
CHAIRPERSON