

Wednesday, 24 November 2021

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Hastings District Council: District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee Meeting

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Minutes

Te Rā Hui:

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 24 November 2021**

Venue **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

Time start - end **10.30am – 11.18am**

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Kua Tae ā-tinana: **Chair:** Councillor Kevin Watkins
Present: **Councillors:** Alwyn Corban (Deputy Chair), Simon Nixon and Ann Redstone
Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee appointees: Marei Apatu and Ngaio Tiuka

Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst

Kua Tatū: Group Manager: Planning & Regulatory Services - John O'Shaughnessy
In attendance: POU AHUREA MATUA: Principal Advisor: Relationships Responsiveness and Heritage -Dr James Graham
Environmental Policy Manager - Rowan Wallis
Team Leader Environmental Policy - Megan Gaffaney
Waste Planning Manager - Angela Atkins
Democracy & Governance Advisor - Christine Hilton

1. APOLOGIES – NGĀ WHAKAPĀHATANGA

Councillor Nixon/Councillor Redstone

That apologies for absence from Councillor Peleti Oli and Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee appointee: Tania Eden and an apology for lateness from Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee appointee: Ngaio Tiuka be accepted.

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - HE NGĀKAU KŌNATUNATU

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - *TE WHAKAMANA I NGĀ MINITI*

Councillor Nixon/Councillor Corban

That the minutes of the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee Meeting held Wednesday 22 September 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

4. PARKING CHANGES TO DISTRICT PLAN - INFORMATION ON NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT - POLICY 11 AND SUBPART 8 OF PART 3

(Document 21/580)

Team Leader Environmental Policy, Megan Gaffaney, spoke to the agenda report and responded to questions from the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee.

Officers outlined the pending changes to the Hastings District Plan in relation to car parking. This essentially meant a change to the District Plan would be necessary to bring the Council's policy in line with the new government requirements.

A Parking Management Strategy needs to be enacted by the Council and officers had already started the necessary work. A parking study would need to be undertaken as part of the strategy process. The Council would no longer be able to require parking spaces on private property. This aspect would become market driven with the onus being on the land owner involved to address this.

Councils would also be required to look at ways to move people away from using petrol vehicles to other modes of transport. The aim was to ultimately reduce carbon emissions to zero and to free up land that could later be used for other uses.

Hastings District Council is a Tier 2 Council and officers believed that the transitions to the outcomes sought by the government would be slow and business owners would still want to provide parking for their customers close to their premises.

Ngaio Tiuka joined the meeting at 10.40am

Marei Apatu/Councillor Redstone

- A) That the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee receive the report titled Parking changes to District Plan - Information on National Policy Statement for Urban Development - Policy 11 and Subpart 8 of Part 3 dated 24 November 2021.
- B) That the relevant parts of the Hastings District Plan will be amended in accordance with the requirements and date set by NPS-Urban Development.

CARRIED

5. SOLID WASTE BYLAW REVIEW

(Document 21/584)

Waste Planning Manager, Angela Atkins, spoke to the agenda report and responded to questions from the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee. She advised that the Waste team would work with the Napier City Council team next year, to jointly review the Solid Waste Bylaws. The government was currently consulting on waste related legislation. This would be a five year review for HDC and a 10 year review for NCC.

Councillor Redstone/Councillor Nixon

- A) That the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee receive the report titled Solid Waste Bylaw Review dated 24 November 2021.
- B) That the Subcommittee endorses HDC officers commencing a joint review of the Solid Waste Bylaw, with Napier City Council, in January 2022.

CARRIED

6. DISCUSSION PAPER ON NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT - HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE LAND AND INTENSIVE RURAL PRODUCTION

(Document 21/586)

Environmental Policy Manager, Rowan Wallis, spoke to the agenda report and responded to questions from the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee.

It was likely that the National Policy Statement (“NPS”), prepared by the Ministry for the Environment, would be enacted in the second half of 2022. Council had made a submission to the Draft NPS. HDC has the growth strategy in place to give some certainty as to where growth in this district would take place; and to take into account the versatile land of the district and its role in the regional economy.

Paragraph 1.11 was referred to and the use of the term ‘versatile land’ (rather than ‘versatile soils’) was discussed. This term was used in the Regional Policy Statement and the Hastings District Plan and was deemed to include the broader aspects that make land productive, rather than just soil classes.

Concerns were raised – e.g. the location of glasshouses and processing facilities on fertile soils. Officers were asked to give further consideration as to how the District Plan addresses land use in terms of the Plains Production Zone. They would take into account the types of soils as well as other matters that make land versatile, rather than simply considering Class 1, 2 and 3 soils.

Officers were aiming to use the Plan provisions to both retain the economic value of land and to stop urban sprawl.

Mayor Hazlehurst joined the meeting at 11.06am.

The importance of protecting the connection between tangata whenua and their whenua was highlighted, along with protection of water and unconfined aquifer. People’s right to live on and use traditional lands was also stressed. The respective interface between residential/lifestyle; residential/horticultural and residential/industrial areas was addressed and it was noted that HDC

receives complaints regarding these types of interfaces. Setbacks and buffers were important in these situations.

Councillor Corban/Councillor Nixon

- A) That the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee receive the report titled Discussion Paper on National Policy Statement - Highly Productive Land and Intensive Rural Production dated 24 November 2021.
- B) That the Subcommittee notes that the outcome of the submissions in the form of the final National Policy Statement – Highly Productive Land will be reported back to the Subcommittee upon its release.

CARRIED

7. MINOR ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE ITI

There were no additional business items.

8. URGENT ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI

There were no extraordinary business items.

The meeting closed at 11.18am

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: