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Wednesday, 23 March 2022

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*Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga*

**Hastings District Council: District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee Meeting**

*Ngā Minitī*

# Minutes

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*Te Rā Hui:*  
Meeting date: **Wednesday, 23 March 2022**

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Venue **Council Chamber (Livestreamed and via Zoom)  
Ground Floor  
Civic Administration Building  
Lyndon Road East  
Hastings**

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Time start - end **10.00am – 10.51am**

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

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*Kua Tatū:*              Group Manager: Planning & Regulatory Services - John O'Shaughnessy  
**In attendance:**      POU AHUREA MATUA: Principal Advisor: Relationships Responsiveness and Heritage - Dr James Graham (via Zoom)  
Environmental Policy Manager - Rowan Wallis  
Environmental Planning Analyst – Wilson Pearse  
Team Leader Environmental Policy – Megan Gaffaney (via Zoom)  
Senior Environmental Planner: Policy – Anna Summerfield (via Zoom)  
Director: Future Growth - Ross McLeod  
Group Manager: Marketing, Communications & Engagement - Naomi Fergusson (via Zoom)  
Democracy & Governance Advisor - Christine Hilton

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### 1. APOLOGIES – NGĀ WHAKAPĀHATANGA

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Redstone

That an Apology for Absence from Councillor Bayden Barber 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 Watkins/Councillor Nixon

That the minutes of the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee Meeting held Wednesday 24 November 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

### 4. MONITORING OF THE HASTINGS RESIDENTIAL INTENSIFICATION DESIGN GUIDE

(Document 22/50)

Senior Environmental Planner: Policy, Anna Summerfield, spoke to the agenda report, showed a presentation (*ENV-19-2-22-6*) and responded to questions from the Subcommittee.

Officers advised that there has been an increase in the number of requests from developers for an electronic copy of the Design Guide. Some developers are more comfortable with erecting single storey versus two storey housing. Officers felt that over time some developers would transition due to market demand.

Discussion took place regarding how the design guide related to Papakainga housing and whether the Guide may need to be amended to allow for the requirements of this type of housing. Officers advised that any such proposed changes to the Guide needed to come from those parties/Government organisations who develop and use it.

The matter was raised regarding how environmental impacts may affect the Guide and how they would be discussed with developers. The Design guidelines would be updated over time as some aspects changed and developed, but the fundamental good design principles in the document would be reasonably constant. A District Plan Change could be undertaken if the criteria was deemed to be out of date.

There have been ongoing development forums with building professionals, including architects, and a further forum and working session was planned with them. The meeting agreed that the community should be informed about the development of the Design Guide and the background to this, so they can see what the Council was trying to achieve with this document.

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Corban

- A) That the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee receive the report titled Monitoring of the Hastings Residential Intensification Design Guide dated 23 March 2022.
- B) That the Subcommittee agree in-principle to the approach to include the Design Guide into the District Plan and instruct officers to prepare plan change documentation to enable:
  - i. The residential design principles and key design elements of the design guide to be included as District Plan assessment criteria for all residential intensification proposals including comprehensive residential developments and subdivisions.

CARRIED

## 5. WĀHI TAONGA REVIEW

(Document 22/64)

Environmental Policy Manager, Rowan Wallis and Environmental Planning Analyst, Wilson Pearse, spoke to the agenda report and responded to questions from the Subcommittee.

Officers explained that the Wāhi Taonga review would be considered alongside the overall review of Section 3 of the District Plan. The Natural and Built Environments Act puts emphasis on this relationship, so it was important the plan reflects the Māori worldview. Officers were seeking guidance from the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee and the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee on how Council should partner with Mana Whenua.

The nomination of sites needs to be very carefully considered. This review should give Māori confidence in regard to the information that is provided and how it would be addressed and included in the Plan review. Mana Whenua needs to be confident as to how this information about sites would be handled. There also needs to be a pathway to ensure that the information provided can remain confidential to the hapū and Marae involved if they want to take this approach.

Discussion took place, with members noting the importance of the Council's role in this process. It was considered important for Council to be aware of proposed development in an area so it could "get ahead" of an application, identifying situations ahead of time and giving Council a longer period of time to engage with a developer about potential sensitive sites in an area (while keeping the actual location of wāhi taonga sites in that area confidential).

Officers explained that Council was factoring the inclusion of cultural assessments as part of the structure plan process. Council was asked to be very aware of development in areas where wāhi taonga sites were located. Wilson Pearse was asked to keep an eye on these situations and talk with the developers/surveyors involved.

Councillor Redstone/Marei Apatu

- A) That the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee receive the report titled Wāhi Taonga Review dated 23 March 2022.
- B) That the Subcommittee endorse the introduction of a Māori worldview into the District Plan through the wāhi taonga review and that engagement on the review with individual hapū, and Taiwhenua and Post-Settlement Governance Entities commence.

CARRIED

## 6. MINOR ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE ITI

There were no additional business items.

## 7. URGENT ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI

There were no extraordinary business items.

The meeting closed at 10.51am

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: