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Hastings District Council: District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee Meeting

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Minutes

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Wednesday, 6 July 2022**

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

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

Kua Tatū: Group Manager: Planning & Regulatory Services - John O'Shaughnessy
In attendance: Senior Environmental Planner (Policy) - James Minehan
Environmental Planner (Policy) - Junior Tuakana
Environmental Policy Manager - Rowan Wallis
Waste Planning Manager - Angela Atkins
Democracy & Governance Advisor - Christine Hilton

1. APOLOGIES – NGĀ WHAKAPĀHATANGA

Councillor Watkins/Councillor Redstone

That apologies for absence from Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst; Councillor Bayden Barber; and Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee appointee: Ngaio Tiuka be accepted.

CARRIED

Marei Apatu gave a Karakia at the start of the meeting.

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 Redstone

That the minutes of the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee Meeting held Wednesday 23 March 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

4. JOINT SOLID WASTE BYLAW REVIEW UPDATE

(Document 22/188)

The Waste Planning Manager, Angela Atkins, spoke to the agenda report and responded to questions from the Subcommittee.

Councillor Redstone/Councillor Nixon

- A) That the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee receive the report titled Joint Solid Waste Bylaw Review Update dated 6 July 2022.
- B) That the Subcommittee endorse aligning the review of the Solid Waste Bylaw with the pending changes to national policy, strategy and legislation.

CARRIED

5. STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT 2015-2019 FEEDBACK

(Document 22/193)

The Environmental Planner, Policy, Junior Tuakana, spoke to the agenda report and responded to questions from the Subcommittee.

The main points that were addressed included:

- How best to interpret the results shown by the indicators – these measure sustainable land use.
- Whether or not land was becoming compromised along the coastal areas.
- As part of the medium density review, the Council was trying to encourage people to consider greater levels of infill housing as part of residential development in the district.
- There were infill targets set out in the Heretaunga Plains Urban Development Strategy.
- At the Subcommittee's September meeting, issues such as noise in the rural/plains areas and right to farm matters will be addressed so that best practice issues can be considered. This would get the Council's plan back into sync with current best practice. Overall best practice issues would be addressed rather than looking at the noise of individual machines. An acoustic consultant would be involved in considering the noise issues of starting the frost fans – some people were leaving them on for periods of time.
- Officers will bring back recommendations regarding best practice and what needs to be looked at in regard to the current rule structure in the District Plan – e.g. noise levels and more performance standards regarding cut off times for frost fans. The Subcommittee would then consider if it would recommend to Council that a plan change was needed.

- Differentiating between where the responsibility of a local authority vs a territorial authority – e.g. runoff entering the water supply.
- Definition of indigenous biological diversity. Consideration of the National Policy Statement to ensure Council was looking after significant national areas and restoring them as required. This work needs to be assessed by an ecologist and officers will report back on these areas. The Council’s aim was to have an evolving cultural partnership and so the parties did not want to get too far into the process before this partnership was established.

Councillor Nixon/Councillor Corban

- A) That the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee receive the report titled State of the Environment 2015-2019 Feedback dated 6 July 2022.
- B) That the Subcommittee approve the recommended changes;
 - a. To improve a data collection and storage system for Monitoring and Compliance.
 - b. That the back ground noise readings absent from the State of the Environment 2015-2019 report are included in the next reporting period for a continued consistency.
 - c. That noise complaints are broken down to understand the nature and the origin of complaints.
 - d. That the Subcommittee investigates options for monitoring Council’s carbon footprint and how Council manages this going forward.

CARRIED

6. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY WORKSTREAM

(Document 22/214)

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

The main points that were addressed included:

- A lot of work would be involved in these workstreams and would involve the Council’s Growth Unit – the future development strategies would be in place by June 2024.
- The outcome of the medium density strategy review would be undertaken by mid-2024.
- A joint workshop would need to be held.
- Policies and standards should reflect the fact the aim was to have no further harm done to the environment.
- The protection of heritage and significant sites needed to be identified as a role for Council, rather than leaving it to an applicant.
- The Council was offering scholarships at the start of a degree process – so that the successful applicants would work at council during their second year of study. The same process could be adopted by the Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust so that they are training up a resource to meet the demands being placed on that marae.
- The meeting referred to the 2016 report by Doctor Cole which included the recommendations relating to the Craggy Range situation. Officers wanted to bring these recommendations forward

and incorporate them into the review of the Wahi Taonga section of the district plan as part of the rolling review.

- The Manawhenua section of the Plan was being rewritten, working in conjunction with Dr James Graham and Charles Ropitini, in terms of the National Planning Standards to reflect the Māori world view.
- Officers to look at all other local cultural/outstanding landscapes as other wahi tapu formed part of the rolling review of the Wahi Taonga section.
- Officers felt it was important to get the Te Mata Peak prohibition line in place as soon as possible. Marei Apatu was meeting to address the Iona matter the following week and he would report back regarding where the developers/other parties were at. He felt a transdisciplinary approach was important, rather than taking too narrow a focus. Māori and consultants can see the world in different ways.

Councillor Watkins/Marei Apatu

- A) That the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee receive the report titled Environmental Policy Workstream dated 6 July 2022.
- B) That the Subcommittee ratify the Workstream Priorities for the Environmental Policy team and recommend that they be adopted by Council as its environmental and district plan priorities.

CARRIED

7. NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR FRESHWATER MANAGEMENT 2020

(Document 22/219)

The Senior Environmental Planner, Policy, James Minehan, spoke to the agenda report and responded to questions from the Subcommittee. Two slides were shown that illustrated the legislative and regulatory instruments influencing the management of freshwater and the associated overlapping local authority timelines (CG-16-13-00059).

The main points that were addressed included:

- How urban development could impact adversely on freshwater.
- This was a large piece of work and there were strict timelines to be met.
- By December 2024 officers have to address changes to regional policy statements, regional plans and district plans to give effect to the new HPS-FM 2020.
- One of the core tenants of the National Policy Statement (NPS) is the partnership between councils and tangata whenua.
- Defining the properties of Te Mana o Te Wai would be a big piece of work. Tangata whenua also need to define what this fundamental concept means to them.

Councillor Redstone/Councillor Nixon

- A) That the District Planning & Bylaws Subcommittee receive the report titled National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 dated 6 July 2022.
- B) That the Subcommittee endorse the recommended approach to making changes to the District Plan, as outlined in the report, in A) above, to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020.

CARRIED

8. MINOR ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE ITI

There were no additional business items.

9. URGENT ITEMS - NGĀ TAKE WHAKAHIHIRI

There were no extraordinary business items.

Marei Apatu gave the closing Karakia.

The meeting closed at 11.10am

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: