

# Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. PP12 of the Policy Committee  
held on 2 May 2018 in the Council Chamber, Barkes Corner, Tauranga,  
commencing at 9.30am**

## **Present**

Councillor M Williams (Chairperson), Councillors G Dally, M Dean, M Lally, P Mackay, K Marsh, D Marshall, M Murray-Benge, J Palmer, J Scrimgeour, D Thwaites and His Worship the Mayor G J Webber

## **In Attendance**

M Taris (Chief Executive Officer), G Allis (Deputy Chief Executive Officer), R Davie (Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services), E Watton (Policy and Planning Manager), P Martelli (Resource Management Manager), P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager), J Rickard (Senior Policy Analyst), C Steiner (Senior Policy Analyst-Consultant), P Hennessey (Strategic Advisor), G Payne (Strategic Advisor), J Rauputu (Recreation Planner), A Shakespear (Procurement Specialist), S Laurence (Project Manager-Tauriko West Boundary Alteration), and B Clarke (Democracy Advisor),

## **Community Boards**

A Sole (Chairperson, Waihi Beach Community Board)

## **Apologies**

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Mackay and Scrimgeour.

**Resolved:** Thwaites / Mayor Webber

*THAT the apologies for lateness from Councillors Mackay and Scrimgeour be accepted.*

## **PP12.1           Recommendatory Report from Community Committee - Environment Strategic Work in 2018**

The Policy Committee considered a report from the Democracy Advisor dated 26 April 2018 as circulated separately with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Mayor Webber / Murray-Benge

1. *THAT the presentations received at the Community Committee Meeting on 26 April 2018 from environmental organisations, be considered through the review of the Natural Environment Strategy and the development of the Climate Change Action Plan in 2018.*
2. *THAT the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.*

PP12.2

**Adoption of the Draft Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2018 for Consultation**

The Policy Committee considered a report from the Senior Policy Analyst (Consultant) dated 17 April 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

9.34am

Councillor Mackay entered the meeting.

The Senior Policy Analyst (Consultant) gave an introductory overview, noting that a review of the Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2012 had been undertaken to respond to the following two issues:

- Through the Council's Partnership Forum, Ngati Te Wai had raised concerns in relation to horse riding at Tuapiro Point and the effects of this on kaimoana beds that were a source of food for the marae. The Bylaw allowed riding within a restricted area, but riders were going outside of this area. The draft Bylaw showed the removal of Tuapiro Point from schedule 1, and staff sought confirmation today.
- In October 2015, the Policy and Strategy Committee had provided permission was provided to operate drones over Council owned land, subject to aviation law process and not creating a nuisance, and with the intention that this be included in the Bylaw when reviewed.

In summary, she advised that, unless there were any amendments, staff sought that the draft Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2018 and the Statement of Proposal be adopted for consultation. She noted that it was Council's intention to also seek approval for release for consultation the Katikati-Waihi Beach Reserve Management Plan, (before the Committee as the next agenda item for consideration), as there were alignments with both documents, and it was considered that releasing both together would make things clearer for the community.

**Resolved:** Murray-Benge / Mackay

1. *THAT the Policy Analyst (Consultant)'s report dated 17 April 2018 and titled "Adoption of the draft Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2018 for Consultation" be received.*
2. *THAT the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of medium significance in terms of Council's Significance and*

*Engagement Policy.*

3. *THAT pursuant to s155 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council confirms that the bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem, is the most appropriate form of bylaw, and that the draft bylaw does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.*
4. *THAT the draft Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2018 and Statement of Proposal be released for consultation pursuant to s156 of Local Government Act 2002, from 14 May 2018 to 9 July 2018 (to align with the Draft Katikati/Waihi Beach Ward Reserve Management Plan consultation).*

## PP12.3

**Katikati-Waihi Beach Ward Reserve Management Plan Review**

The Policy Committee considered a report from the Recreation Planner dated 16 April 2018 as circulated with the agenda. The Recreation Planner, supported by the Reserves and Facilities Manager provided an introductory overview, noting the following key points:

- Research and pre-engagement sessions had been held with the Katikati and Waihi Beach Community Boards.
- Respective communities would have opportunities to provide feedback during the 2018 Long Term Plan community conversations.
- The Waihi Beach Community Board had requested that Broadlands Block and Wilson Park Reserve entrance particularly be considered. Staff had included wording in the draft Plan to capture what the Board were seeking. Any further changes would be captured during consultation.

Staff responded to questions as follows:

- Funding via the Long Term Plan would assist with further physical works to advance cycle trails. Council had concentrated on land it owned, with the funding it currently had, in order to deliver what it could.
- Council was trying to progress everything as much as possible, and there were some big links it was working to progress.
- It was suggested that the Pio Shores cycleway link shown on the plan be on hold and that it be consulted on.
- As some things had changed during progression of the Plan, for clarity for the public, an explanation could be included in the front to advise why some information was not there.

In discussion of the report, the Chairperson noted that it would be helpful to provide a comprehensive set of maps, perhaps ward-by-ward, to outline progress and provide an estimation of completion times for cycleways.

9.50am

Councillor Scrimgeour entered the meeting.

**Resolved:** Williams / Mackay

1. *THAT the Recreation Planner's report dated 16 April 2018 and titled "Katikati - Waihi Beach Ward Reserve Management Plan Review" be received.*
2. *THAT the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of medium significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.*
3. *THAT the Policy Committee approves the release of the draft Katikati-Waihi Beach Ward Reserve Management Plan for community consultation under Section 41(6) of the Reserves Act 1977.*

PP12.4

### **SmartGrowth Update**

The Resource Management Manager provided a verbal update in relation to the following matters:

- The Future Development Strategy (also known as the Settlement Pattern Review), and how growth would be catered for in the next thirty years.
- The work being undertaken to prepare the Future Development Strategy for the next meeting of the SmartGrowth Steering Committee, on how that programme would be 'rolled out' so that the Strategy was in place by the end of this year.
- The current Special Housing Area could only be used within urban limits, and it may be worth approaching the SmartGrowth Committee to see if that could be eased somewhat to include other areas.

The Chief Executive Officer and His Worship the Mayor gave a brief update on the proposed centre of excellence, transport space, and urban form and planning, and noting that Mr Hannah had been engaged in an advisory capacity.

**Resolved:** Marshall / Mayor Webber

*THAT the verbal staff update on SmartGrowth on 2 May 2018 be received and the information noted.*

PP12.5

### **Tauriko West Boundary Alteration**

The Policy Committee considered a report from the Project Manager-Tauriko West Boundary Alteration dated 18 April 2018 as circulated with the agenda. The Project Manager-Tauriko West Boundary Alteration gave an extensive overview, noting the following:

- Planning identified through the SmartGrowth Settlement Pattern Review in 2013 for the new Tauriko West Urban Growth Area had been initiated.
- One proposed element had been a boundary alteration that would transfer an area of the Western Bay of Plenty District into Tauranga

City, enabling Tauranga City Council to implement and service the Urban Growth Area.

- A Memorandum of Understanding between Western Bay of Plenty District Council and Tauranga City Council had been agreed in November 2017.
- The sequential planning process to progress the Tauriko West Urban Growth area first required the amendment of the urban limits line by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council. That Council would meet to approve public notification of the Plan Change 4 on 15 May 2018.
- Work on the boundary alteration had been progressing behind the scenes under the existing Local Government legislation, but there had been some delays.
- Councillors would be briefed at an upcoming workshop in July or August 2018, but timing was dependent on the NZ Transport Agency, who were experiencing significant changes to their processes and potential direction. There had also been a change to central government. Therefore, the overall timetable was fluid and subject to influences beyond the control of this project. Councillors would be informed of any adjustments as they occurred.
- It was recommended that Council not progress public consultation until there was confidence in terms of the matters included in the Memorandum of Understanding with Tauranga City Council. Those matters included:
  - The urban limits line
  - Transportation planning and funding, and the need for certainty about provision along State Highway 29 to accommodate the proposed urban growth area,
  - Acknowledging the Wairoa River Valley Strategy, and the significance of the environment to Tangata Whenua.

Staff responded to questions as follows:

- Council had done the work up until lodging the application with the Local Government Commission under the old legislation, which required the reorganisation proposal. The Commission would then take this out for consultation and would see if there may be any alternative proposals. The risk was that there could be one.
- If there were no other proposals, then progress would be quicker, and the application would then go before Tauranga City Council for endorsement. Several phases must be worked through before further progress could be made.

In discussion of the report, it was noted that Council had an agreed Memorandum of Understanding and an agreed position. As long as other parties were able to meet Council's required conditions, including the requirements of the Wairoa River Valley Strategy, the process that must occur would continue to proceed.

**Resolved:** Mayor Webber / Dean

*THAT the Project Manager-Tauriko West Boundary Alteration's report dated 16 April 2018 and titled "Tauriko West Boundary Alteration Update" be received and the information noted.*

PP12.6            **Receipt of Policy Committee Information Pack No. PP12**

The Policy Committee considered the Policy Committee Information Pack No. PP12 dated 2 May 2018 as circulated separately with the agenda.

**Resolved:**        Thwaites / Marshall

*THAT the Policy Committee Information Pack No. PP12 dated 2 May 2018 be received and the information noted.*

The meeting concluded at 10.18am.

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