

# Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. PP20 of the Policy Committee  
held on 20 May 2019 in the Council Chamber, Barks Corner, Tauranga,  
commencing at 9.30am**

## **Present**

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

## **In Attendance**

R Davie (Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services), J Pedersen (Group Manager People and Customer Services), E Watton (Policy and Planning Manager), P Martelli (Resource Management Manager), P Watson (Reserves and Facilities Manager), F Low (Senior Policy Analyst Resource Management), J Rickard (Senior Policy Analyst), P Marshall (Executive Assistant, People and Community Services), S Tripathi (Governance Administrator), and M Parnell (Governance Advisor)

## **Community Boards**

M Grainger (Chairperson, Omokoroa Community Board)

## **Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Thwaites. It was noted that Councillor Marshall was on a leave of absence.

**Resolved:** Murray-Benge / Palmer

*THAT the apology for absence from Councillor Thwaites be accepted.*

## **PP20.1 Draft Environment Strategy**

The Committee considered a report from the Senior Policy Analyst dated 1 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda. The report was taken as read and the following was noted:

- The strategy was to be publicly consulted through the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.
- Action 10 in the strategy had been added since the last workshop.

9.33am Councillor Dally entered the meeting.

In response to questions, staff advised the following:

- Part of the action regarding cultural sites of significance included consultation with Tangata Whenua as to the most appropriate way these could be recorded. Other Councils used silent files to support this process.
- There had been no requests of this Council for silent files regarding sites of significance to date.
- Regarding the inclusion of items such as carbon reductions, mitigating climate change, the restoration and preservation of wetlands, energy conservation and protection of endangered species, although they were not overt actions in the strategy, much of Council's work, its education programmes and corporate initiatives supported and contributed to these areas.
- This strategy did not mention partnerships with Tauranga City Council and Sport Bay of Plenty regarding sport grounds. This had been included in the draft Communities Strategy. This could also be included in the Open Space network plan.

**Resolved:** Mayor Webber / Mackay

1. *THAT the Senior Policy Analyst's report dated 8 May 2019 and titled Draft Environment Strategy be received.*
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.*
3. *THAT the Policy Committee adopts the Draft Environment Strategy (Attachment A), with amendments, to be progressed through the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.*

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### **Draft Communities Strategy**

The Committee considered a report from the Senior Policy Analyst dated 8 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda. The report was taken as read and the following was noted:

- This strategy was developed in parallel with the draft Environment Strategy.
- Since the last workshop, community safety and wellbeing had been included as focus areas.

In response to questions, staff advised the following:

- The principles of the strategy reflected the collaborative nature with which Council wished to work although this could also be added as a bullet point to Focus Area 1.
- Papakainga Housing had been included in Focus Area 4.
- The Housing Action Plan had been developed to respond to the need for affordable housing in the sub-region.

**Resolved:** Mackay / Mayor Webber

1. *THAT the Senior Policy Analyst's report dated 8 May 2019 and titled 'Draft Communities Strategy' be received.*
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.*
3. *THAT the Policy Committee adopts the Draft Communities Strategy (Attachment A), with amendments, to be progressed through the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.*

PP20.3

**Receipt of Policy Committee Information Pack No. PP20**

The Committee considered the Information Pack No. PP20 dated 20 May 2019 that was circulated separately with the agenda.

**Resolved:** Murray-Benge / Scrimgeour

*THAT the open section of the Policy Committee Information Pack No. PP20 dated 20 May 2019 be received and the information noted.*

The meeting concluded at 9.57am.

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