
Strategy Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Horowhenua District Council Strategy Committee held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford St, Levin, on Wednesday 27 September 2017 at 4.00 pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr V M Kaye-Simmons
Councillors Cr W E R Bishop
Cr R J Brannigan
Cr R H Campbell
Cr N G Gimblett
Cr J F G Mason
Cr C B Mitchell
Cr P Tukapua
Cr B P Wanden

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr M Lester	(Group Manager – Corporate Services)
Mr D M Clapperton	(Chief Executive)
Mr D Law	(Chief Financial Officer)
Mr G Saily	(Group Manager – Infrastructure Services)
Mrs N Brady	(Group Manager – Customer & Community Services)
Mr D McCorkindale	(Group Manager – Strategy & Development)
Mr D Haigh	(Growth Response Project Manager)
Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were three members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

1 Apologies

An apology was recorded for Mayor Feyen. An apology for lateness was also recorded for Cr Judd.

MOVED by Cr Tukapua, seconded Cr Mason:

THAT the apology from Mayor Feyen and the apology from Cr Judd for lateness be accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

7.2 Community Forums

Christina Paton
Fred de Jager

3 Late Items

There were no late items.

4 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

MOVED by Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Strategy Committee held on Wednesday, 16 August 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 Announcements

There were no announcements.

7 Executive

7.1 Growth Response Projects Update

Purpose

To provide a status update on the Growth Response work programme with a focus on providing up to date information on current key projects and planning.

MOVED by Cr Wanden, seconded Cr Campbell:

THAT Report 17/447 Growth Response Projects Update is received.

THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

Speaking to this report and requesting that it be taken as read, Mr Haigh noted that the following NZTA briefing would cover the process to date and next steps in relation to 02NL.

Responding to a query in relation to the Levin Town Centre redevelopment and engagement around Earthquake Prone Building Legislation, Mr Haigh said a Project Coordinator had recently been appointed but he was not sure when there would be an update to Council, but he would check when this would occur to assist with understanding how that would be taken forward.

The impact of the expected growth and its effect on affordable housing was raised and it was queried how that would be factored into the Horowhenua Growth Strategy. It was noted that this was not just an issue for this district; however some of the aspects would be addressed through the Growth Strategy. There were also District Plan changes in train that would assist with housing density and provide greater flexibility around subdivision.

With regard to the effect of the road bypassing Levin on local business, Mr Haigh said it was a matter of having an understanding of traffic flows. The effect in terms of house prices had not been covered by the work to date.

Mr Haigh also commented that the relationship with NZTA was working well. The Terms of Reference were being finalised and that would go through the Project Governance Group which had representatives from Kapiti Coast District Council, Horizons and Wellington Regional Councils, and community members were also involved.

9.2 Community Forums

Purpose

To bring to the Strategy Committee the notes from the first meeting of the Economic and Environment Community forums held on Wednesday 2 August and to consider a process forward for the forums.

MOVED by Cr Gimblett, seconded Cr Mitchell:

THAT Report 17/490 Community Forums be received.

That this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

Public Participation

As a member of the Environmental Forum, Mrs Paton expressed her feeling of isolation as no contact details for her fellow Forum members had been supplied. She further expressed her hope that the Forums would meet again soon and thereafter frequently. She queried the two topics suggested for discussion as the Forum Members had raised a considerable number of other matters that they felt should be considered. With the growth anticipated for the district, Mrs Paton said that ultimately it would be dependent on the quantity of water available and suggested that that should be a priority for discussion. With regard to dissemination of information, whilst the notes of the inaugural meeting had been supplied on line, not everyone had a computer.

Mrs Paton also suggested there was a danger of people being directed into certain thought areas as there could be a lot of innovative ideas out in the community that could be helpful and there were highly qualified people amongst the Forum members.

Mr Fred de Jager supported Mrs Paton's comments. He noted he had been involved with WECA and had also worked for NIWA for 17 years and everything that needed to be done in this country depended on water. He said there had been some fantastic ideas emanating from the inaugural meeting and if meetings were held quarterly people might lose interest.

Mr Lester spoke to the report, the main purpose of which was to bring back to the Strategy Committee the notes from the inaugural Forum meeting in early August and to report back on the Council briefing on 4 September when Council had come up with the topics/issues to refer back to the Forums for consideration and feedback.

With regard to the process issues, such as Forum Members' contact details, raised by Mrs Paton and affirmed by Mr de Jager, Mr Lester said he would address those as soon as possible. Also the two suggested issues put forward had come from the Council briefing. The Forums had also raised a whole range of issues which would be dealt with in bite sized chunks going forward. If quarterly Forum meetings were not enough, more frequent meetings would be arranged within Council's ability to resource them; however, it was intended to have a further meeting between now and the end of November.

Responding to a query as to how the Forums would operate going forward, whether they would meet individually or combined particularly if the two items raised were to be discussed by both forums, Mr Lester said this would be referred back to the Independent Facilitator, Jenny Rowan, for her advice.

After further discussion on the role of the Forums going forward, it was:

MOVED by Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Brannigan:

THAT the following topics/issues be referred to the Community Forums for discussion/ feedback:

- *Hemp production – a potential industry in the Horowhenua?*
- *RoNS and Growth.*

CARRIED

4.45 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....