



**Report and Minutes of a Meeting of the
REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 2014 commencing at 9.00 am**

Present

Councillors T E Hook (Chairperson), Mayor Sowman, G I T Evans, P J S Jerram, J C Leggett, D D Oddie and T M Sloan.

In Attendance

Councillors J A Arbuckle, G S Barsanti, B G Dawson and L M Shenfield, Mr N Henry (Economic & Community Policy Manager), Mr H R Versteegh (Manager, Regulatory Department) and Kathy Payne (Committee Secretary).

Apology

An apology for non-attendance from non-committee member Councillor C J Brooks was noted.

**D.13/14.432 Sounds Integrated Management Trust
C230-001-M03**

Mr Eric Jorgensen and Mr Mark Batchelor spoke to the Committee on behalf of the Marlborough Sounds Integrated Management Trust (the Trust).

Mr Jorgensen provided a brief background as to the establishment of the Trust, following a series of public meetings in 2011 that led to a community based initiative to develop a plan for the integrated management of the natural resources of the Marlborough Sounds. A working group was established and the Trust was set up in 2012 to oversee the process. He advised it is planned to provide a mechanism that will enable a collaborative and cooperative approach by all users of the Sounds. Members were advised that the work will help to underpin the statutory plans, involve other agencies and create greater cooperation between agencies and springboard a collaborative approach to managing the resource.

Councillor Evans asked what had been done with the funding to date and said he would like to see some KPIs and performance standards for the funding.

Mr Jorgensen advised that when the funding was requested last year it was thought that expert help was required to lead the process but with the capabilities of a new team of 12 people they were able to manage for that period. They have been working on internal KPIs but are now at the stage of requiring someone responsible for facilitation and fund raising. The first stage will be to produce a web based tool for collection and use of information.

Mr Batchelor spoke to the progress report that had been circulated to Councillors. He advised that the purpose of the Trust is to prepare a non-regulatory plan. From early 2013 the Implementation Committee focussed on environmental and technical issues which have progressed to defining the project process and product. He advised there is now justification for use of the funding to produce the website which will always be up to date as it would not rely on or be restricted by a statutory process. Mr Batchelor advised the Councillors that it would be an independent website, not to produce policy, but to provide an environment of information. It will have a link to the Council website.

In respect of other similar projects, Mr Batchelor advised that the regional authorities are responsible for the Hauraki Gulf Forum. The Kaikoura Marine Strategy was prepared in a collaborative manner in the same way the Sounds Integrated Management Plan is proposed. Both are essentially run on contributions from government departments and local organisations. Mr Batchelor advised that the project would gain momentum from this point.

The Trustees were thanked for their report. The Councillors considered the plan complementary to Council's resource management plans and although a slow process could see it was coming together.

Cirs Sloan/Leggett:
That the information be received.

Carried

ATTENDANCE: Mr M Caldwell, Council's Planning Technician, was present for the following item.

D.13/14.433 Tremorne Avenue Rezoning Plan Change **W045-15-47-01**

At its 5 February 2014 meeting the Committee discussed a plan change to the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan to address issues that have arisen in respect of the Tremorne Avenue area. It was decided that a plan change was required to rezone the residentially developed areas of Tremorne Avenue, Algarve Close and Hilton Place including the undeveloped site of 3 Tremorne Avenue from Industrial One Zone to Urban Residential Two Zone.

A report prepared under Section 32 of the Resource Management Act had now been prepared for the proposed plan change and was included with the agenda for members' information. The assessment required under Section 32 considers whether the changes proposed will be effective and efficient in achieving the purpose of the Resource Management Act. The assessment has also taken into account the benefits and costs of the changes.

Mayor Sowman/Cir Oddie:

- 1. That the Section 32 report for Plan Change 47 to the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan, as attached be adopted.**
- 2. That the Committee approve notification of the Plan change 47 – Tremorne Avenue Rezoning for notification as soon as practicable.**

Carried

ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Witehira, Council's Regional Events Strategy Co-ordinator, was present for the following two items.

D.13/14.434 Marlborough Regional Events Strategy Update **E100-002-001-01**

The report to the Committee provided an update on progress with the Marlborough Regional Events Strategy.

Mrs Witehira provided an update at the meeting. She advised that a detailed proposal was submitted to Scouts New Zealand in respect of hosting rights for the 2016/2017 Scout Jamboree and was now waiting on a decision. The Committee suggested that a proactive approach could be taken to present something further to the decision makers.

Bids for regional and niche events were outlined for Members' information. Support for niche events is mostly around the bid documents, general information about Marlborough accommodation options and support from the Mayor. Mrs Witehira then discussed regional event branding. A Marlborough Arts Month promotion inviting groups hosting events during July to join has been organised and will be highlighted on the Events Calendar. She advised it was hoped to do something similar in November and for the summer events.

A demonstration of the Events Calendar which will be ready to go live soon was provided at the meeting which members were impressed with. It is called Follow-Me (Marlborough Events) and is hosted on the Destination Marlborough website Love Marlborough, but is operated by the Events Coordinator. It will also have its own web address www.follow-me.co.nz and an event link to Council's website. A mobile app will be

since it was created. The focus of the Iwi Working Group has been on the identification and expression of issues of significance to Marlborough's tangata whenua iwi.

The development of the draft Marlborough Regional Policy Statement Chapter 3: Marlborough's Tangata Whenua Iwi, and the Iwi Working Group's review of other chapters to assess the extent to which the issues they have identified are addressed were also outlined for members' information.

Appreciation for the considerable efforts that the representatives and past representatives have made over a sustained period of time was acknowledged by the Committee and staff.

The chapter was formally handed over at the meeting by Raymond Smith (Ngāti Kuia), Tracey Williams (Ngāti Toa) and Ian Shapcott (Te Ātiawa) who were welcomed to the meeting. Some other Iwi Working Group members were unable to attend due to the weather conditions. A presentation on the context for the chapter as well as the content was provided.

Mr Smith began his presentation with an introduction on Te Reo Maori followed by speaking about the Kaitiakitanga Marlborough District Council Iwi section of Regional Policy Statement. He spoke about Kaitiakitanga, the eight iwi for the region and that this is a time for future planning. Mr Smith then talked about Mauri – life force, the Māori World View/Papatūānuku and Tikanga. Mr Smith noted that taonga which is used in Section 6 of the Resource Management Act is what gives iwi the relationship with the Council which is so important. He said it is expected there will be eight iwi management plans plus an eel management plan. Mr Smith also spoke about issues of significance and appreciation of work Council has done in many areas. Te Tiriti o Waitangi was then discussed, the settlement and gifting back to New Zealand.

Mr Smith then explained The Journey, the past, the present and the future. This included Kaupapa Maori and western value systems, investing in now and the partnership.

Mr Smith then related many of the topics covered in his presentation to the draft Marlborough Regional Policy Statement: Marlborough's Tangata Whenua Iwi Chapter such as the Treaty of Waitangi, the Māori World View, Tikanga and waters. He said ngā wai means all of the water, including the receiving water for discharges. Mr Smith said te moana is such an important place and managing forestry is also important. He touched on the area around Marae and provision of papakāinga and that it is appropriate there is some policy and rules around that to be able to live communally.

The Councillors thanked Mr Smith for the comprehensive report. It was noted that the phrase that 'people move on and the land remains' was central about the discussion today.

In response to questions Mr Smith noted concerns about deforestation and the effects on the land, rivers and estuarine areas, also concerns about aquaculture if not done in the right way. Ms Williams noted that through the Treaty settlement iwi were gifted back Crown forestry rental leases, although they did not own the trees on the land. She advised that iwi have begun a programme of working with foresters on environmental management plans.

It was considered beneficial for the Iwi Working Group to retain the relationship with the Council as there are broader review matters that will necessitate their further involvement.

The Mayor responded to the iwi formally presenting their Chapter to the Council. He acknowledged it has been a significant journey for the Council and the iwi and he wanted to recognise iwi across the region for what has been achieved as it is an important moment in the history of the province. He congratulated everybody involved in the development of this important Chapter and thanked them for their time and involvement. He thanked iwi for their presence at the meeting and the collective effort in this process and looked forward to the iwi and the Council working together going forward.

Cirs Jerram/Oddie:

- 1. That the chapter "Chapter 3: Marlborough's Tangata Whenua Iwi" be received and adopted by the Committee for the purpose of the draft Marlborough Regional Policy Statement.**
- 2. That the Committee appropriately acknowledge the involvement of the Iwi Working Group representatives in preparing the chapter.**

3. **That the role of the Iwi Working Group continues in order to at least allow outstanding processes involved in the drafting of the Marlborough Regional Policy Statement/Resource Management Plan to be completed.**

Carried

A short recess was held.

**D.13/14.437 Smart and Connected Project Update
E100-010-01, E100-010-03, E100-010-07**

An update was provided to the Committee on progress with the internal and external implementation of the Smart and Connected vision which Council has developed over the past three years in consultation with the local community and industry.

Members were advised that progress since the last Committee meeting on 17 April 2014 included the third meeting of the Wood Sector industry steering group on the 14 May. The relationship of this group to the Marlborough Forestry Industry Association, the Terms of Reference, make-up of the leadership group and potential early projects for the group to lead on were discussed. Arrangements for commencing a second industry group (visitor economy) are also underway.

Following the completion of the Havelock community implementation project in April, progress has been made in reviewing the governance structures of Havelock Community Association and Havelock Vision 20/20 which is proposed to be formalised at the upcoming AGM of the Community Association.

Mr Henry advised that there could be the possibility of implementation for other communities following the Annual Plan process. Picton already has some work underway and there is some work happening in Seddon and Renwick. This will be brought back to the Committee for further consideration.

Councillor Evans said it would be beneficial to have Smart and Connected assistance in Seddon and suggested keeping Seddon in mind for a community implementation project.

Cirs Leggett/Evans:
That the information be received.

Carried

**D.13/14.438 Economic Development Project Update
E100-009-01, E100-005-02, E100-010-02**

The report to the Committee provided an update on economic development projects since the last Committee meeting in respect of the Marlborough Story, the Food and Beverage Innovation Cluster, Smart Business Marlborough and Business Trust Marlborough.

Mr Henry provided a further update on the Marlborough Story at the meeting. He advised that the Marlborough Story will be presented next week to the wider Governance Groups comprised of the Council, the Chamber of Commerce, Destination Marlborough, Wine Marlborough and the Marlborough Research Centre and the Steering Group to which Councillors are invited. Councillor Hook and the Mayor advised it will be an opportunity to see the process involved as well as the end product, to express opinions on the day and have comments addressed by the presenters. It will be released to the media at a later stage.

Some Councillors thought the Marlborough Story and brand should be presented to Councillors on their own. It was clarified that although the Council might be the major funder it was not the main user, it belongs to the people of Marlborough. Also, it would not be signed off at this presentation. A lengthy debate was then held.

Some Councillors expressed concern that the presentation would be given with these other groups present.

Other Councillors said that Monday was not a public forum and it was beneficial to have a consistent presentation for all the governance groups as it needs to be championed by the industry. There would be an opportunity for Councillors to bring it back and discuss further if they wished.

Mr Henry also provided an update on the Food and Beverage Innovation Cluster, Smart Business Marlborough and Business Trust Marlborough.

Clr Leggett/Mayor:
That the information be received.

Carried

D.13/14.439 Information Package

Clrs Jerram/Evans:
That the Regional Planning and Development Information Package dated 11 June 2014 be received and noted.

Carried

The meeting closed at 11.50 am.

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