

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim on
THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2014 commencing at 9.00 am.**

Present

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

Also Present

Councillors G S Barsanti, J A Arbuckle, C J Brooks, J L Andrews, B G Dawson.

In Attendance

Mr P Hawes (Manager, Environmental Policy), Mr N Henry (Manager, Strategic Planning and Economic Development) and Nicole Chauval (Committee Secretary).

Apology

Cirs Oddie/Evans:

That apologies for non-attendance from Mayor Sowman, Clr P J S Jerram and non-member Clr L M Shenfield were received and sustained.

Carried

ATTENDANCE: Eric Jorgensen, Marlborough Sounds Integrated Management Trust and Peter Lawless, consultant and Rachel Ennor were present for the following item.

**D.14/15.194 Marlborough Sounds Integrated
Management Trust C230-001-M03**

A presentation from the Marlborough Sounds Integrated Management Trust (the Trust) was made to the Committee which outlined the proposal for a community led initiative to enhance the integration of resource management of the marine environment through a collaborative stakeholder process. To highlight this report a powerpoint presentation was shown (presentation filed in Trim – Record No. 14245857).

Members were advised that the Trust has prepared a proposal to seek alignment of central and regional government management to improve the integration of various strands of agency statutory resource management responsibilities for the Marlborough Sounds marine area.

It was also noted that Council would benefit from better integration amongst central government agencies and that the proposal is for the Trust to be the platform for the integration of key government agencies, stakeholders and Iwi where information can be exchanged and the parts are integrated with stakeholders finding it easier to make sense of the whole system.

It is also important for the Council that its existing stakeholder and legal processes are respected and enhanced and that multiple pathways are not allowed to create confusion. In particular, the Council needs the active cooperation of central Government and of researchers to understand the cumulative impact of activities in the marine environment, and to safeguard its carrying capacity for a wide range of users.

In response to a question from the Committee Mr Lawless advised members that taiapure is a local management tool established in an area that has customarily been of special significance to an iwi or hapū as a source of food or for spiritual or cultural reasons. Taiapure can be established over any area of estuarine or coastal waters to make better provisions for rangatiratanga. All fishing (including commercial

fishing) can continue in a taiapure and this tool offers a way for Tāngata Whenua to become involved in the management of both commercial and non-commercial fishing in their area.

The members were also advised that Mataitai is an identified traditional fishing ground which has special status under the Fisheries Act 1996 to protect customary fishing values. Restrictions may be placed on taking fish, aquatic life or seaweed in the reserve and a Maori Committee or kaitiaki can be empowered to make by-laws over the reserve. There are traditional taiapure near Nelson and Kaikoura but there are none identified in the Marlborough area.

The Committee were further advised that the Trust will be engaging with all local iwi to ensure all groups come to an agreement. It was noted that there will be a process which can be worked through. Mr Lawless also noted that no marine reserves can be established until the taiapure and maitaitai are sorted out. There will be resources from Ministry of Fisheries to enable the Trust to work through the process as just closing areas to fisheries is not likely to work so a much more carefully constructed process needs to be put in place.

Cirs Leggett/Oddie:

- 1. That the information be received.**
- 2. That Council consider the Marlborough Sounds Integrated Management Trust proposal.**
- 3. That any future funding sought by the Trust is subject to the commitment of central government agencies and the annual plan process.**

Carried

ATTENDANCE Mark Caldwell was present for the following two items.

D.14/15.195 Adoption of Plan Change 21: Port Marlborough New Zealand Limited – Waikawa Bay Mooring Management Areas and Marina Zone Extension M135-15-21-04

The consent order was included with the agenda for members' information.

The report provided to the Committee recommended that Plan Change 21 be adopted.

Members were advised that the Plan Change proposed a 'bay wide' solution for Waikawa Bay in respect of the management of coastal water space including provision for future marina development through additional marina zoning and a new mooring management regime for swing moorings.

The Plan Change was notified on 17 June 2010 and received 166 submissions. A substantial number of those submissions were from iwi interests opposing the Plan Change. The concern expressed by iwi and iwi members was the impact of further marina development on spiritual and cultural values in Waikawa Bay.

Members were also advised that a related bylaw, setting out a management regime for the swing moorings was notified concurrently with the Plan Change.

The decision made was to decline the Plan Change with the decision being publicly notified on the 19 May 2011.

It was reported that after lengthy discussions between Port Marlborough and parties to the appeal, particularly Te Atiawa, an agreement has been reached. A consent memorandum prepared by the parties proposed that the rezoning to provide for marina expansion proceed and that the mooring management zone (and associated provisions) be put in place.

Members were advised that a consent order has now been issued by the Environment Court for Plan Change 21 resolving all appeals. Clause 18 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 now requires the Council to adopt the plan change and send it to the Minister of Conservation for her approval.

Cirs Oddie/Evans:

That Plan Change 21 be adopted and referred to the Minister of Conservation for her approval in accordance with Clause 18 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Carried

D.14/15.196 Plan Change 26 – Minor Amendments: Item 5 M135-15-26-04

The purpose of the report provided to the Committee is to approve Item 5 of the Minor Amendment Plan Change.

Members were advised that the harvesting of marine farm produce was added to the list of controlled activities, meaning a resource consent will now be required for the harvesting of marine farm produce. This was the relief requested by the Marine Farming Association.

Following the meeting of 5 February 2014 where item 5 of Plan Change 26 was adopted it was referred to the Minister of Conservation for approval.

The Minister of Conservation has now approved the change proposed by Item 5 so an operative date for the provisions can be publically notified.

The operative date of the plan change has to be publicly notified five working days prior to the operative date. It is proposed to notify the operative date in the combined Council advert in the Marlborough Express on the first Thursday after the next full Council meeting.

Cirs Leggett/Oddie:

- 1. That the decisions on Item 5 of Plan Change 26 to the Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan be approved.**
- 2. That the operative date for the approved plan change provisions be notified on the first Thursday after the next full Council meeting.**

Carried

D.14/15.197 E-Planning for Water Allocation and Use R425-02-18-03, R425-02-18-10

The report, "E-Planning for Water Allocation and Use" was included with the agenda for members' information.

Mr Hawes advised members that the purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the commencement of a project to complement the current review of the water allocation and use provisions of the operative resource management framework.

The members were advised that E-planning is proposed to be applied to the Council's consenting, compliance and state of the environment monitoring functions under the reviewed water allocation and use framework.

It was reported that the E-planning tool would be available via the Council website and would be provided by utilising ESRI's ArcGIS Online software.

The advantage of such a provision of water use information in real time is that it will enable water users to easily identify unutilised water relative to consent entitlements. An enhanced transfer tool will be provided to enable water users to approach other water users to request short term or long term transfers. This will complement the reviewed planning provisions by encouraging more efficient use of water resources which is important in Marlborough's state of full allocation of water resources and ideally be an effective management tool.

The Committee acknowledged the great effort of staff in gaining funding from the Community Environment Fund to advance the project. It was noted that the funding is provided on a dollar for dollar basis up to a maximum of \$150,000. Progress with the development of the E-Planning tool will be reported back to the next meeting of this group.

Cirs Evans/Sloan:
That the information be received.

Carried

ATTENDANCE: Colin Bass from BusinessLAB and David Robinson, Chair of Wood Sector group were present for the following item.

D.14/15.198 Review on the Progress of Smart and Connected (External Implementation) E100-010-01

Colin Bass from BusinessLAB and David Robinson, Chair of Wood Sector group provided the Committee with a review of the Smart and Connected external implementation. To highlight this report a powerpoint presentation was shown (presentation filed in Trim – Record No. 14245876).

It was reported that the key aim of establishing the groups was to enable community or industry to lead the development of strategies and actions that would be to their long term benefit and to the benefit of the region. The Smart and Connected framework was used to ensure that the strategies developed considered issues broadly, so matters such as good governance, good environment, strong economy and benefits to the people were balanced.

To date, a total of four groups have been established:

- Havelock community
- Wood sector leadership group
- Visitor economy leadership group
- Picton community

It was noted that the Havelock project began in December 2013 and was completed in April 2014. A range of opportunities were identified with the boardwalk being one of them. It was reported that this project has been instrumental in the Havelock Community Association becoming one cohesive group. Concept drawings for the boardwalk will be available to the Havelock Community in February. Mr Bass reported that there has been good feedback regarding the project meetings in that they are 'open' and members are in far better spirits.

Mr Robinson gave an update on the Wood Sector Group which incorporates forestry, sawmilling, transport services and infrastructure organisations with the facilitation team being established in January 2014 and the group meeting from March 2014. The group has developed links with Scion who are developing value chain projects. Other progress includes work on wood waste stream opportunities, and discussions with Council on the emerging Resource Management Plans and future investment in roading.

Mr Robinson acknowledged that having Councillor Leggett attend meetings gave added validation to the members of the group that the Council were engaged with what the group was doing.

The group meet on an as “needs must” basis and at this point it is happening on a monthly basis.

Members were advised that the visitor economy group encompasses all aspects of tourism along with broader visitor opportunities such as international education. It was reported a steering group has been established, and further work will take place with industry leaders, following the main summer season.

The members were advised that the Picton project has been a transition from the Picton Think Tank to a Smart and Connected project. It was noted that the Think Tank was very supportive of the transition as they wanted to see the same framework that has been applied across the district used for Picton.

A Picton community meeting was held to gain insights into the key challenges and opportunities there are in Picton and what a vision for the future might look like.

It was noted that the existing groups will continue to implement and develop their strategies, and cross-group opportunities and connections will be developed where appropriate. Council will also continue to work with the groups on areas of mutual interest.

Members were advised that funding has been provided for the development of three further groups in this financial year. These will be wine and agriculture (meeting 10 December), Maori economy who are meeting today and visitor economy. Mr Henry will update the Committee on these groups at its next meeting. The development of further groups is subject to the economic development review and the Council budget decisions.

Mr Henry noted that Council will have ongoing connections with these groups and the appointment of Cathie Bell will help facilitate that by helping the group met their goals and objectives.

Investigations are also being made into the possibility of the education based project involving international education as a spin-off of the visitor economy group.

Members acknowledged that it was very positive to see groups forming to share ideas and foster community spirit. It was also acknowledged that it is essential that the momentum is maintained and that funding is continued as we need all groups on board.

Cirs Leggett/Evans:
That the information be received.

Carried

D.14/15.199 Smart and Connected Project Update E100-010-01, E100-010-03, E100-010-07

The report to the Committee provided an update on progress with internal and external implementation of Smart and Connected implementation, and with economic development projects.

Members were advised that the Council’s Community Outcomes have been revised using the Smart and Connected framework, and will be included in the 2015-25 LTP. The Levels of Service workshops were completed in August with a Smart and Connected assessment included in the activity presentations. The drafting of LTP activity statements is about to commence and these will include sections on how the activity aligns with Smart and Connected. These will be considered by Council at its budget meeting in February 2015.

The Long Term Plan process has incorporated the Smart and Connected vision and strategic framework in its Levels of Service considerations and Community Outcomes processes. Work is to be undertaken on the activity sections of the Plan in the coming weeks, which will include a Smart and Connected alignment section.

It was reported that the Wood Sector industry group is having input into the draft forestry chapter of the emerging Resource Management Plans, and will be informing Council on roading investment plans through information on forestry harvesting sites.

Cirs Leggett/Oddie:
That the information be received.

Carried

D.14/15.200 Smart and Connected Economic Development Project Update E100-009-01, E100-005-002-01, E100-010-02

The report to the Committed provided an update on progress with economic development projects. To highlight this report a powerpoint presentation was shown (presentation filed in Trim – Record No. 14245880).

Members were advised that the Marlborough Story was launched on 4 November 2014 and 76 have registered on the website so far. The next step will be the installation of road signage which has been budgeted for.

The Food and Beverage Cluster held a meeting with a representative of Food Valley NL, a Dutch region with many multi-national food businesses and research. Discussions with Tarac Technologies and the local wine industry about the proposed grape marc processing plant are progressed and a six monthly report will be available to the Committee at its February 2015 meeting.

Film Wellington visited Blenheim and discussions are ongoing with regards to creating the opportunity for other film crews to travel to Marlborough.

Business Trust Marlborough is making good progress with the submission of an application to the Canterbury Community Trust for further funding, and other funding possibilities being investigated through local Trusts. Reports from new clients have indicated that the Trust is becoming a highly recommended source to receive business advice.

It was noted that there have been 25 client meetings since July 2014.

The Chinese Consul-General, Mr Jin Zhijang will be visiting Marlborough on 27 November 2014 and arrangements are currently underway to ensure the visit is a success.

Cirs Sloan/Leggett:
That the information be received.

Carried

ATTENDANCE: Susie Witehira, Regional Events Strategy Co-ordinator was present for the following item.

D.14/15.201 Marlborough Regional Events Strategy Update E100-002-001-01

Susie Witehira, Regional Events Strategy Co-ordinator updated Council on progress with the Marlborough Regional Events Strategy. To highlight this report a powerpoint presentation was shown (presentation filed in Trim – Record No. 14245866).

Members were advised that Marlborough was successful in its bid to hold the 21st National Scout Jamboree which will be held December 2016 - January 2017. Council is currently working through contracts and ironing out finer details. Scouting representatives will visit Marlborough on 13/14 December to view all sites.

Discussions are currently being held with Marketview regarding expenditure reporting. They prepare Topline Event Reports which show spending trends in a specific region based on information from Paymark merchants and BNZ cardholders. As a trial, a report is being sought on Nelmac Garden Marlborough. If successful, further reports will be sought on other events to assist in understanding the value of events to our region.

Mrs Witehira reported that Council can define a location of merchants to analyse and over a specific period of time which will help determine if the event stimulated or hindered the local retail market. Analysis will also include who has spent during the event period, and what they have spent on and where the spend is coming from ie; food, retail.

Members were advised that Marketview Topline Event Reports were cost effective. They looked at the region spend as a whole whereas the economic report looks at only visitor spend coming to an event.

It was noted that the reports can provide historical information going back as far as 12-13 years along with the ability to compare regions on the same date.

The brochure Show ME* Summer Events Guide which was launched at the Marlborough Story was tabled. The guide is free and will be distributed to i-Sites, accommodation providers, retailers, tourism providers and venues around Marlborough.

The Follow-ME logo and website have been amended to reflect the Marlborough Story. The site has been updated with a brighter look and more white space. There has been really good feedback received to-date.

Mrs Witehira agreed to provide regularly updates to the Committee on how many hits the website receives.

The Committee were advised that the Commercial Events Fund received 15 applicants requesting a total of \$206,305 in funding with six existing events and nine new events. Decisions will be reported to a future meeting.

It was noted, as per the Community and Finance Committee meeting of 15 July 2014, that there were a number of criteria that each application should potentially be considered on, along with a suggested guide for apportioning funding between new and existing events.

**Cirs Leggett/Sloan:
That the information be received.**

Carried

ATTENDANCE: Rachel Anderson, Policy Portfolio Manager, Gena Moses-Te Kani and Raymond Smith were present for the following item:

D.14/15.202 Ngāti Kuia Pakohe Management Plan

1400-02-01

A presentation by Gena Moses-Te Kani and Raymond Smith from Ngāti Kuia, was made to the Committee on the Ngāti Kuia Pakohe Management Plan. To highlight this report a powerpoint presentation was shown (presentation filed in Trim – Record No. 14245864).

Members were advised that the Ngāti Kuia Pakohe Management Plan is a method through which Council can establish a relationship with Ngāti Kuia and assist in fulfilling Council's RMA functions and responsibilities. These being to recognise and provide for the relationship of Māori and their culture

and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu, and other taonga, having particular regard to kaitiakitanga and to take into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. In this instance with the focus being on the association Ngāti Kuia has with pakohe.

Mr Smith spoke of the Ngāti Kuia's long association with Pakohe as the workers and traders of this stone. Pakohe is a taonga which is synonymous with Ngāti Kuia and which symbolises the intense nature of their relationship to the environment, and the mauri (life force) that is contained in all parts of the natural environment and binds the spiritual and physical world.

The members were advised that Pakohe is only found in the Te Rohe Pakohe – the Nelson Mineral Belt. This area spans from Ngā Paepae tāngata (Richmond Range), Mahitahi and Motueka Rivers, Whakatū, Kokotoru, whangamoa, Te Hoiere and onto Rangitoto. There are numerous source sites, where the stone is harvested.

Ms Moses-Te Kani noted that it has taken five years to get to this point and that it has been a very important journey for all who have taken part and that this journey will continue on from this point.

Mr Hawes noted that it is a meaningful process and that it will hold iwi and DOC in good stead to highlight what matters and Council is proud to receive the document. Mr Hawes acknowledged the hard work that had gone into developing it.

Members also expressed their appreciation of the work that has been done and that it has given members a glimpse into the relationship that Ngāti Kuia has with this toango.

It was also noted that future involvement in assisting Ngāti Kuia with the implementation of the Pakohe Management Plan represents a partnership approach between the Council and Ngāti Kuia, building on a foundation that has been established during the development of the IMP. This partnership has also positively united the Te Tau Ihu Councils and the Department of Conservation, with Ngāti Kuia, to enable the benefits of collective thinking to be realised.

Cirs Oddie/Leggett:

That the lodgement of the 'Ngāti Kuia Pakohe Management Plan' be acknowledged.

Carried

D.14/15.203 Information Package -

Mr Hawes drew members' attention to the fact that a large number of plan changes have been processed and that some of the work is approaching the end of that process. It was noted that the next meeting of the Water Allocation Group is 2 December and at that point approval will be sought for the RPS and RMP planning process and then presented to this group at its meeting on 5 February 2015.

Cirs Leggett/Oddie:

That the Regional Planning and Development Information Package dated 20 November 2014 and circulated separately was received and noted.

Carried

The meeting closed at 11.45 am.

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