



Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 24 April 2024 commencing at 9:30am.

1. Present

Councillor S M Wards (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), N L Chase, A K Franklin, S M Gilmore, P A Johns, M F Long, K A Sutherland, and S A Wallace

In Attendance

Mr D Batley	- Evergreen Consulting
Mr S Bray	- Landscape Architect (via Teams)
Mr B Nicholson	- Chief Executive
Mr R Suppiah	- Group Manager – Corporate and Regulatory
Mr H Featonby	- Group Manager - Infrastructure
Ms G Nock	- Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager
Mr P Wimsett	- 3-Waters Transition Manager (via Teams)
Ms A Charmley	- Team Leader Planning Services
Ms A Rule	- Policy and Planning Advisor
Mrs A Dunn	- Manager – Democracy Services
Ms S Ellis	- Democracy Support Officer

2. Welcome and Meeting Opening

The Chairperson opened the meeting with a reflection, and a reading from the prose poem Desiderata.

3. Apologies

An apology for lateness was noted from Cr N L Chase, however no resolution taken.

4. Public Forum

There were no requests for Public Forum.

5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Nil

6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business

Nil

7. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee meeting held on 13 February 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Johns/Wallace

Carried

8. Reports

8.1 Policy and Bylaw Update

The Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee considered the report of the Policy and Planning Advisor dated 10 April 2024 that provided a regular update on the programme of work on policies and bylaws.

Concerns were expressed regarding consultation overload, with respect to the upcoming LTP consultation and the aforementioned bylaw consultation. It was responded that the risk was apparent, but nonetheless the bylaw consultation remained a legal requirement. It was noted that the bylaws were arranged in tranches and subsequently presented to the community.

Lastly, it was recommended that the security and procurement policies be presented to the July Audit and Risk Committee meeting.

That the report from the Policy and Planning Advisor dated 10 April 2024 concerning the Policy and Bylaw Update be received.

Sutherland/Long

Carried

8.2 Submissions Update

The Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee considered the report of the Three Waters Transition Manager dated 19 April 2024, which highlighted the process

wherein the Chairperson of the Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee may call on a subcommittee of members of the Council committee to provide feedback and authorise draft submissions prepared by Council staff, experts and local government representative groups, including Local Government New Zealand and Taituarā; and provided an update in regards to the recent invocation of this process in response to the Fast Track Approvals Bill.

That the report from the Three Waters Transition Manager dated 19 April 2024 concerning the Submissions Update be received.

Gilmore/Peeti-Webber

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:10am and reconvened at 10:30am.

Councillor N L Chase joined the meeting at 10:30am.

8.3 Draft Urban Growth Strategy - Consultation Feedback and Documentation Amendments

The Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee considered the report of the Team Leader Planning Services dated 16 April 2024 which provided an update on submissions and consultation feedback received and subsequent amendments to the Draft Urban Growth Strategy post consultation, a summary of the submissions received, and to request feedback and support for the proposed amendments to the document and maps. It was noted that the documentation would be finalised and ready for adoption at the Council meeting in May.

Mr Dan Batley, and Mr Shannon Bray were in attendance to speak to the report.

Changes included the conversion of commercial zones to mixed-use zones to promote further flexibility with the use of commercial structures, as well as the proposed changes to industrial zones, and expansion of residential zones with the exception of Eketāhuna. Additionally, the relocation of recreational zones in Woodville including the sports ground and pool was also discussed, with some consideration regarding the racecourse as a possible new location with respect to the intentions of the racecourse owner moving forwards.

Lastly, it was indicated that a transportation strategy in all towns was in consideration, notably surrounding 'micro-mobility' modes, such as cycling, walking, or otherwise.

Concerns were expressed regarding historical zoning locations and change of registered business use, especially where near residential or school areas. It was responded that existing use rights and the resource management act permit business owners to continue where originally established, and that permitted activity standards allowed for business activity as it complies with zoning requirements.

With regards to the district plan, it was outlined that the Urban Growth Strategy was an aspirational document, whilst the district plan would be held up to

legislation in consideration of the justification for zoning.

Her Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 11:23 am and returned at 11:25am.

That the report from the Team Leader Planning Services dated 16 April 2024 concerning the Draft Urban Growth Strategy - Consultation Feedback and Documentation Amendments be received.

That the Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee agree to the changes made to the Growth Strategy detailed in the Review of Community Feedback arising from the submissions received on the consultation.

Johns/Franklin

Carried

9. Items not on the Agenda

Her Worship the Mayor reported on concerns business and building owners in the community had regarding earthquake prone structures, and recommended Council consider what to submit, with an emphasis on providing simple, realistic solutions.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11:53am.

Chairperson