

## **STRATEGY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES:** of a meeting of the Strategy and Community Committee which commenced at 9.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Centreway Road, Orewa on Thursday, 18 February 2010.

**PRESENT:** Penny Webster, Mayor (from 9.12 a.m.)  
Crs Zane Taylor (Chairperson)  
Ross Craig  
Pat Delich  
Gaye Harding  
John Kirikiri (9.00 a.m. - 10.43 a.m.)  
Dave Parker, QSM  
Grahame Powell  
June Turner  
Greville Walker  
Wayne Walker (from 9.16 a.m.)  
Suzanne Weld

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Assistant Chief Executive (Warren MacLennan)  
Communications Advisor (Allanah Jarman)  
Democracy Services Officer (Raewyn Morrison)

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9.00 a.m. Bylaws Consultant (Geoff Ward), Team Leader: Safer Communities (Anna Crane) and Manager: Community Development (Paul Green) in attendance.

**042/02/10 APOLOGIES**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

**Powell/Delich**

**That the apologies from the Mayor, Penny Webster and Cr W Walker (for lateness) and from Cr Goudie (for absence) be received and sustained.**

**Carried**

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**043/02/10 GENERAL BYLAW 1998:****CHAPTER 16 - LIQUOR BANS – REVIEW OF LIQUOR BAN TIMES AT HELENSVILLE AND PARAKAI****FILE REF** BC/1/4**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 2

*Note: Sergeant Mark Smith and Senior Sergeant Glenn Adkin of the Rodney Police were present for this item.*

It was requested that the Team Leader: Safer Communities (Anna Crane) report back to the Committee in approximately six months time in regard to the effectiveness of the liquor ban.

**G Walker/Weld**

- (a) **That the reports on liquor bans in public places in Helensville and Parakai be received and that the Rodney Police be thanked for their input.**
- (b) **That it be recommended to the Council:**
  - (i) **That liquor bans in specified public places in Helensville and Parakai under 5.1 Chapter 16 - Liquor Bans of General Bylaw 1998 (as defined in 9.15 and 9.16: RDC Map Nos 16752 [m] [1] and 16752 [n] [2]) be amended to be in force from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m. on the following day throughout the year.**
  - (ii) **That the extended times set out in (i) above come into force on the day following public notification.**

**Carried**

9.21 a.m. Bylaws Consultant (Geoff Ward), Team Leader: Safer Communities (Anna Crane) and Manager: Community Development (Paul Green) retired from the meeting.

**044/02/10 GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS: COLMAR-BRUNTON SURVEY RESULTS AND INTER-COUNCIL WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDATIONS****FILE REF** TP/20/13**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 3

9.22 a.m. Manager: Sustainability and Natural Heritage (Maximus Smitheram) in attendance.

9.25 a.m. Natural and Coastal Policy Advisor (Craig Pratt) in attendance.

Manager: Sustainability and Natural Heritage (Maximus Smitheram) summarised the agenda report and highlighted key issues in a PowerPoint presentation on the findings of a Colmar Brunton community survey on Genetically Modified Organisms for the Rodney District, and a summary analysis for all Inter-Council Working Party councils.

A request was made that the survey be made available to Federated Farmers, Ngati Whatua Nga Rima o Kaipara, the Rodney Economic Development Trust and the Ministry for the Environment, and that the survey be available on the Council's website.

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It was suggested that the Working Party should consider the issue of suppliers of any genetically modified material and that suppliers should be legally liable for any harm caused.

**Weld/Powell**

- (a) That the report on Community Management of Genetically Modified Organisms and the findings of the Colmar Brunton Survey be received.
- (b) That the recommendations from the 17 November 2009 meeting of the Inter-Council Working Party on Genetically Modified Organism Risk Evaluation and Management Options be adopted.
- (c) That the Rodney District Council make a high level political approach to the Government, in collaboration with other Councils on the Working Party, seeking a formal response to local concerns over genetically modified organisms, particularly in regard to liability.
- (d) That the survey be made available to the Ministry for the Environment, Federated Farmers, Ngati Whatua Nga Rima o Kaipara, Rodney Economic Development Trust and on the Council's website.
- (e) That the Working Party, in its approach to Government, be requested to consider that suppliers of genetically modified organisms or products should be liable for economic, environmental, social or cultural harm.

**Carried**

10.14 a.m. Manager: Sustainability and Natural Heritage (Maximus Smitheram) retired from the meeting.

**045/02/10**                      **INTEGRATED KAIPARA HARBOUR MANAGEMENT GROUP UPDATE**  
**FILE REF**                      **FC/41/3**  
**AGENDA ITEM NO.**        **4**

Natural and Coastal Policy Advisor (Craig Pratt) introduced a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file FC/41/3). Mr Pratt outlined the common vision and principles of the Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group. He advised that the forum had brought all the key players together, i.e. Territorial Local Authorities, Crown Agencies, Crown Research Institutes and iwi. Mr Pratt said that some of the lessons from the Mahurangi Action Plan had been taken into account by the forum and that Auckland Regional Council had conducted some studies on the state of the harbour.

**Webster/Weld**

**That the update report on the Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group and the Vision and Principles working draft be received.**

**Carried**

10.15 a.m. Natural and Coastal Policy Advisor (Craig Pratt) retired from the meeting.

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**046/02/10 KUMEU-HUAPAI-RIVERHEAD FUTURE PLANNING – WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE****FILE REF** DD/81/1; P506**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 5 and 5A

10.15 a.m. Chief Executive (Rodger Kerr-Newell) and Group Manager: Water Services (Jenny Warren) in attendance.

Group Manager: Water Services (Jenny Warren) advised that at this point in time Watercare Services Ltd (WSL) hadn't given total assurance that it would meet the Rodney construction timetable agreed last year for the provision of water and wastewater infrastructure at Kumeu-Huapai-Riverhead. She said that Council officers had been working to assure WSL and the Auckland Transition Agency (ATA) of the importance of the scheme.

10.28 a.m. Bylaws Consultant (Geoff Ward), Project Manager - Western Sector (Gavin Flynn) and Policy Planner (Sarah Gathercole) in attendance.

Assistant Chief Executive (Warren Maclennan) advised that the report had incorrectly stated that a letter had been sent to ATA requesting support for the project and voicing concern that the process of local government transition in Auckland could hold up a longstanding development project. He said that other courses of action suggested at this meeting could therefore be added to the letter.

**Weld/Powell**

- (a) **That the further report, setting out concerns in relation to possible delays with the project for the provision of water and wastewater infrastructure in Kumeu-Huapai-Riverhead, be received.**
- (b) **That urgent discussions be held with the Auckland Transition Agency and Watercare Services Ltd to ensure that the project for the provision of water and wastewater infrastructure in Kumeu-Huapai-Riverhead remains on track and a written agreement as to the timing of the water and wastewater project be obtained by March 2010.**
- (c) **That the Council decision to publicly notify proposed Variation (Plan Change) 127 for Huapai North residential and local shops proceed.**

**Carried**

10.43 a.m. Cr Kirikiri retired from the meeting.  
Chief Executive (Rodger Kerr-Newell), Group Manager: Water Services (Jenny Warren), Bylaws Consultant (Geoff Ward), Project Manager - Western Sector (Gavin Flynn) and Policy Planner (Sarah Gathercole) retired from the meeting.

10.43 a.m. - 11.02 a.m. Morning tea adjournment.

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**047/02/10 PRESENTATION OF THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES BY THE RODNEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST (REDT) FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2009****FILE REF** DG/2/1**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 6

*Note: Valerie Freeman, Leanna Covacich and Loren Portnow from Rodney Economic Development Trust (REDT) were present for this item. Ms Freeman conveyed apologies from the Chair of REDT, Neil Barr.*

Ms Freeman distributed a document detailing the new trustees of REDT (copy on file DG/2/1). Ms Freeman highlighted key issues in the quarterly report. She said that REDT was working hard to grow its membership. Ms Freeman said that the Trust was independent and at this point in time unsure of its status in regard to the transition to the new Auckland Council.

In response to questions, Ms Freeman said that economic activity in the district had been impacted by losing two big businesses, an example of which was Izards at Wellsford. She said that previously the REDT focus had been on advocacy; it was now concentrating on its core business, developing the business community.

Cr G Walker requested that REDT provide a six monthly financial update in the future.

**Harding/Parker**

**That the quarterly report and supporting presentation by the Rodney Economic Development Trust, attached as Appendix 1 to the agenda report, covering the period October to December 2009, be received.**

**Carried**

11.20 a.m. Urban Design and Development (Raewyn Catlow) in attendance.

**048/02/10 AMENDMENT TO THE METRO PARK EAST AND WEST MANAGEMENT PLANS****FILE REF** RC/403/2**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 7**Delich/Powell**

**That Section 3.0 and Figure 2 of the Metro Park East and West Management Plans be amended to show the correct new legal descriptions of the respective parks as set out in paragraph 1.0 of the Agenda Report.**

**Carried****049/02/10 LANDSCAPE PROTECTION ZONES PRACTICE NOTE****FILE REF** TP/1/6**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 8

Manager: Urban Design and Development (Raewyn Catlow) gave an overview of the purpose of the Interim Practice Note for the Landscape Protection Zones.

11.42 a.m. Manager: Building Consents (Richard Ritsma) and Team Leader: Resource Consents (Steve Seager) in attendance.

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It was requested that it be noted that consideration needed to be given to the 'Sugar Loaf' – Tamahunga area near Matakana.

**Delich/Weld**

- (a) That the Interim Practice Note for the Landscape Protection Zones be accepted.
- (b) That a final draft of the Practice Note, including photographic examples illustrating development that is encouraged or discouraged as the case may be, be submitted to the Council after a six month trial implementation period, together with recommendations on a process for promoting and making the practice note available to the community and industry practitioners.

**Carried**

11.52 a.m. Manager: Urban Design and Development (Raewyn Catlow) retired from the meeting.

**050/02/10 SUMMARY OF RESOURCE AND BUILDING CONSENT INFORMATION  
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2009**

**FILE REF** TP/9/17

**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 9

Manager: Building Consents (Richard Ritsma) advised that particular attention was being paid to the backlog of Code Compliance Certificates. With regard to the Landscape Protection Zones Practice Note, he said that he didn't think this would hinder processing at all in terms of timeframes. Mr Ritsma informed the Committee of the recent changes to the Building Act which had come into effect at the beginning of February in regard to Project Information Memorandums (PIMs). Mr Ritsma said that he would email councillors the details of those changes.

Cr Taylor said that he had received a recent compliment from a firm which had been impressed with the prompt processing of building consents by Rodney District Council.

**Parker/Harding**

**That the information be received.**

**Carried**

12.05 p.m. Manager: Building Consents (Richard Ritsma) and Team Leader: Resource Consents (Steve Seager) retired from the meeting.

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**051/02/10                    PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITTEE DECISIONS****FILE REF**                    CF/1/1**AGENDA ITEM NO.**        10

Assistant Chief Executive (Warren MacLennan) advised that he expected to report back to the Committee at the next meeting in regard to Kumeu Cemetery and Warkworth Cement Works.

12.09 p.m.            Manager: District Planning (Peter Vari) in attendance.

A request was made that the Parakai Reserve Management Plan be included in the summary.

A request was made that Kumeu South and Huapai North be included in the summary as separate items.

**W Walker/Harding**

That the information be received.

Carried

**052/02/10                    PUBLIC EXCLUDED****AGENDA ITEM NO.**        11**Powell/Parker**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Minute No(s) 053/02/10

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Progress report on implementation of confidential committee decisions	As per the reasons given for excluding the public at the meeting(s) when these decisions were made	As per the grounds given for excluding the public at the meeting(s) when these decisions were made.

Carried

The meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH 2010

MAYOR

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18 February 2010

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