

STRATEGY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES: of a meeting of the Strategy and Community Committee which commenced at 9.05 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Centreway Road, Orewa on Thursday, 13 May 2010.

PRESENT: Penny Webster, Mayor (until 2.06 p.m.)
Crs Ross Craig
Pat Delich
Michael Goudie (Chairperson)
Gaye Harding
John Kirikiri
Dave Parker, QSM
Grahame Powell (until 12.50 p.m.)
Zane Taylor (until 10.32 a.m.)
June Turner
Greville Walker
Suzanne Weld

IN ATTENDANCE: Assistant Chief Executive (Warren MacLennan)
Democracy Services Officer (Raewyn Morrison)

9.05 a.m. Manager: Democracy Services (Ellen Barrett) and Communications Advisor (Allanah Jarman), in attendance.

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265/05/10 APOLOGIES

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

There were no apologies.

Note: Apologies were later received from Cr W Walker at 11.00 a.m.

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266/05/10 PRESENTATION OF THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES BY RODNEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST (REDT) FROM JANUARY TO MARCH 2010**FILE REF** DG/2/1**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 2

Note: Valerie Freeman, Chief Executive Officer of the Rodney Economic Development Trust (REDT), and Neil Barr, Chairperson of REDT, were present for this item. Ms Freeman conveyed apologies from Loren Portnow.

Valerie Freeman gave a verbal update of the activities of the Trust for the January to March period, highlighting the following points:

- The government had removed the funding for training and development programmes.
- Business development: REDT was aware that there were some businesses that did not have access to office infrastructure such as broadband and the Trust was working towards providing advice in this regard.
- Aquaculture: REDT was currently working on a sustainable fish food project; one of the biggest problems in the aquaculture industry was the lack of fish food.
- Rugby World Cup: REDT was trying to raise the general level of business capability in the district with a view to sustaining this.
- REDT was currently working with three potential investors in Wellsford, all from different sectors.

Cr Weld requested a report on what joint Rugby World Cup projects REDT and the Council currently had underway; legacy projects and the associated expenditure. Assistant Chief Executive (Warren Maclennan) said that he would co-ordinate a report on everything the Council was funding in relation to these projects.

Neil Barr advised that the Perrendale development (Stockyard Falls) in Warkworth was going ahead. Mr Barr said that REDT would continue as a Trust and look to sponsor forms of economic development, for example by way of an annual business award.

Webster/Powell

That the quarterly report, attached as Appendix 1 to the agenda report, and supporting presentation by the Rodney Economic Development Trust, covering the period January to March 2010, be received.

Carried

9.15 a.m. Policy Planner (Wendy Robertshaw) in attendance.

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267/05/10 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS ON THE DRAFT WELLSFORD WAR MEMORIAL PARK RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN**FILE REF** RC/76/1**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 3

Note: Submitter #6, Marjorie Pricor, was in attendance for this item.

Policy Planner (Wendy Robertshaw) outlined the draft plan noting the addition of a policy which included maintenance of the skate park.

Submitter #6: Marjorie Pricor

Marjorie Pricor spoke to her submission and thanked the Council for settling the issue of relocation of the Wellsford Library to Memorial Park. She said that the current vehicle access to the park was a single carriageway width and, with an increase in traffic, could be dangerous. She requested that consideration be given to using the existing access as an entrance only and that an exit driveway be created to the west of the entrance. She also thought the proposal to relocate the emergency helicopter landing pad to the middle of the park needed reconsideration as the area was wet. She suggested alternative sites such as near the medical centre or either Station Road or Centennial Park.

Policy Planner (Wendy Robertshaw) said that she had consulted with the Fire Service in Wellsford and its representatives had been happy with the proposed location for the helicopter landing pad, which would be concreted. Ms Robertshaw said that the pillars on either side of the entrance to Memorial Park were listed as heritage items under the District Plan and she recommended that consideration be given to an exit access during the design process for the library.

Webster/Turner

- (a) That the report be received.
- (b) That the Draft Wellsford War Memorial Park Reserve Management Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to the agenda report, be adopted with changes agreed to at the meeting.

Carried**Delich/Turner**

That the position of the helicopter pad be further investigated during the design stage of the new library and that the wording of the Reserve Management Plan reflect this as follows:

9.0 Future Development

~~Relocation of the helicopter pad to allow for the new library. Relocate the helipad to allow for the new library with an alternative location being determined during the design process for the new library.~~

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~~Relocate the helicopter pad to the location identified on the Concept Plan, Figure 3, to allow for a new library and maintain the helipad area to ensure it is kept clear and accessible for emergency use. Investigate alternative locations for the existing helipad during the design process for the new library.~~

Concept Plan, Figure 3 - Amend to show existing location of the helipad with words to indicate future location to be precisely determined during the library design process.

Carried

9.45 a.m. Policy Planner (Wendy Robertshaw) retired from the meeting.

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**268/05/10 RODNEY DISTRICT COUNCIL RURAL STRATEGY: CONSULTATION
DRAFT: MAY 2010****FILE REF** TP/9/70**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 6

9.50 a.m. Manager: District Planning (Peter Vari), Senior Policy Planner (Ian Bayliss) and Policy Planner (Kathryn Martin) in attendance.

Senior Policy Planner (Ian Bayliss) outlined the purpose of the Draft Rural Strategy. Mr Bayliss said the key features included:

- allowing the continuance of rural production.
- additional policies in regard to protecting specific coastal environments.

9.56 a.m. Group Manager: Policy and Planning (Laura White) in attendance.

10.03 a.m. Recreational Policy Planner (Wendy Rutherford) and Manager: Environmental Services Major Projects (Ian Murray) in attendance.

Discussion on the Draft Rural Strategy took place and officers were requested to make changes to some of the wording and headings in the document. It was noted that in order to avoid confusion it needed to be clearly stated that the draft had no relation to Variation 132, West Coast Rural Zone.

Webster/Taylor

That further discussion on the Draft Rural Strategy be deferred until later in the meeting.

Carried

10.10 a.m. Manager: District Planning (Peter Vari), Senior Policy Planner (Ian Bayliss) and Policy Planner (Kathryn Martin) retired from the meeting.

**269/05/10 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS ON THE DRAFT MURIWAI VILLAGE
GREEN MANAGEMENT PLAN****FILE REF** RC/206/1**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 4

Note: Submitter #9, Rodney Lyons, was in attendance for this item.

Cr G Walker advised of the recent passing of Brian Mason, a stalwart of the Muriwai Beach Progressive Association. Mr Mason was also active in, and committed to, the community of South West Rodney. A moment's silence was observed in memory of Mr Mason.

10.15 a.m. Assistant Chief Executive (Warren MacLennan) retired from the meeting

Recreation Policy Planner (Wendy Rutherford) outlined key points in the draft management plan.

Submitter #9: Rodney Lyons

Mr Lyons spoke in support of his submission. He said he opposed the allocation of access, and licence and resource consent for the building of a surf club and events centre on the Muriwai Recreational Reserve and believed that there were better sites for a more modest development. Mr Lyons said the new proposal would lead to an increase in non-related surf club activities in what he considered to be an inappropriate place. He considered the draft management plan had omitted the Memorandum of Understanding that took into account the designated wastewater and stormwater

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area. He said that construction of a proper wastewater and stormwater treatment plant should not be hindered. He was concerned about pollution and he wanted to see the health and safety of residents, ratepayers and visitors protected.

Manager: Environmental Services Major Projects (Ian Murray) said that the surf club proposal had been deemed acceptable for the purpose by the Council's Stormwater Department and that the issue of wastewater was a separate matter.

10.20 a.m. Social Policy Advisor (Michael Sinclair) in attendance.

A statement was tabled from submitter #10: Auckland Regional Council (copy on file RC/206/1).

10.32 a.m. Cr Taylor retired from the meeting.

10.41 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Morning tea adjournment.

Recreational Policy Planner (Wendy Rutherford) advised that in the draft plan the access had been removed through the village green. Ms Rutherford noted that the Auckland Regional Council (ARC) had given Rodney District Council the opportunity to contribute a management plan which would be recognised under the Auckland Regional Park Management Plan. Ms Rutherford said that the draft plan recognised the issues in relation to stormwater and wastewater and allowed for those to be dealt with.

A request was made to move the paragraph inserted in 2.0 Legal Description and Classification beginning "*The Regional Parks Management Plan developed by the Auckland Regional Council...*" to Section 11.0 Reserve Management.

Weld/G Walker

- (a) **That the Draft Muriwai Village Green Management Plan be amended in accordance with the officer recommendations as summarised in the agenda report at Section 3, Table 2 Summary of Recommendations and as a result of discussions at the meeting.**
- (b) **That the plan, as amended, be adopted.**

Carried

11.15 a.m. Recreational Policy Planner (Wendy Rutherford) and Manager: Environmental Services Major Projects (Ian Murray) retired from the meeting.

270/05/10	REVIEW OF RODNEY DISTRICT GAMBLING VENUE POLICY
FILE REF	GC/1/1
AGENDA ITEM NO.	7

Social Policy Advisory (Michael Sinclair) highlighted key issues in the report and referred to a power point presentation from information contained within the agenda report.

11.33 a.m. Manager: Transport Operations and Safety (Gareth Hughes) in attendance.

Craig/G Walker

- (a) **That the report be received.**
- (b) **That no changes be made to the Rodney District Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy.**

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Amendment**Kirikiri/Weld**

- (a) That the report be received.
- (b) That Rodney District Council adopt a sinking lid policy with respect to gambling venues.

The Amendment was

Lost

A division was requested and the motion was put.

Division**For the motion**

**Craig
Delich
Goudie
Harding
Parker
Powell
G Walker
Webster**

Against the motion

**Kirikiri
Turner
Weld**

The motion was

Carried

11.50 a.m. Social Policy Advisor (Michael Sinclair) retired from the meeting.

271/05/10 GENERAL BYLAW 1998: AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 18 - ROAD SPEED LIMITS, PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS AND CONFIRMATION

FILE REF BC/1/4; RF/228/5

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

Manager: Transport Operations and Safety (Gareth Hughes) answered questions in regard to speed limits on a number of roads in the Taupaki area, near the interface between Rodney District and Waitakere City. Cr Weld said that she would consult with the Taupaki Residents' and Ratepayers' Association and Mr Hughes said that the roads concerned could be surveyed with a view to inclusion in the next list.

The concerns of submitter Sandra Dick in regard to the speed limit on Falls Road, Warkworth were noted. It was agreed that serious consideration needed to be given to lowering the speed limit to 80 kph in that area.

Webster/Craig

- (a) That the Submissions (Appendix 1 to the agenda report) on proposed amendments to General Bylaw 1998 Chapter 18 Road Speed Limits following surveys carried out in 2009 be received.
- (b) **That it be recommended to the Council:**
 - (i) That subject to any changes it may make at the meeting, the amendments to General Bylaw 1998: Chapter 18 - Road Speed Limits, for road speed limit changes made for 2009, as shown in Appendix 2 to the agenda report, be confirmed;

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- (ii) That the bylaw amendments made in accordance with Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2003 (Rule 54001) and set out in Schedules 1 – 4 and Map numbers RDC 17690 – 1 to 23, 24A, 25 – 26, as shown in Appendix 2 to the agenda report, be adopted and confirmed;
- (iii) That General Bylaw 1998: Chapter 18 - Road Speed Limits, as amended, come into effect on 1 July 2010 following public advertisement under section 157 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Carried

*Note: Appendix 2 to the agenda report is attached to these minutes as **Appendix 1**.*

12.00 p.m. Recreational Policy Planner (Wendy Rutherford) in attendance.

12.05 p.m. Manager: Transport Operations and Safety (Gareth Hughes) retired from the meeting.

272/05/10 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS ON THE DRAFT OMERU SCENIC RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

FILE REF RC/303/1

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Note: Jane Sherard (Kai Arataki CEO Ngati Whatua Nga Rima o Kaipara), Glenn Wilcox and Nick Rata were present for this item.

Recreational Policy Planner (Wendy Rutherford) gave an overview of the draft management plan.

Submitter #2: Lorraine Gray

Lorraine Gray spoke in support of her submission. She requested that provision for another toilet block be put in the 10 year plan. Ms Gray said that she would also like to see volunteer planting days and pest proof fencing in the future.

Submitter #2: Ngati Whatua Nga Rima o Kaipara

Jane Sherard, Glenn Wilcox and Nick Rata spoke in support of the submissions from Ngati Whatua Nga Rima o Kaipara lodged by Whaea Te Kahui-iti Morehu.

Mr Rata said that Ngati Rongo was the hapu of Omeru Reserve and he requested that iwi have co-management of the reserve. Mr Rata asked that consideration be given to incorporating the word 'pa' in the name of the reserve.

Jane Sherard also stressed that there needed to be a co-management arrangement for the reserve with the new Auckland Council.

The Mayor (Penny Webster) said that the Memorandum of Understanding with Ngati Whatua Nga Rima o Kaipara needed to include appropriate wording to recognise co-management of the reserve. She also suggested that this could be placed on the Issues Register which would be presented to the new Auckland Council; the Maori connection with the land needed to be strongly stated.

Wendy Rutherford (Recreational Policy Planner) said that provision for co-management of the reserve could be included in the management plan. She noted that specific planting days were outside the scope of the management plan but could be investigated through other avenues. Ms Rutherford said that fencing of the waterfall was a safety issue which had been signalled in the management plan.

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Weld/Webster

That the draft Omeru Scenic Reserve Management Plan be amended in accordance with the officer recommendations, as summarised in the agenda report at Section 3, Table 2 'Summary of Recommendations', and that the plan, as amended, be adopted.

Carried**Weld/Goudie**

That a change to the name of the reserve to include the word 'pa' be investigated.

Carried

12.50 p.m. Cr Powell and Recreational Policy Planner (Wendy Rutherford) retired from the meeting.

12.50 p.m. - 1.30 p.m. Luncheon adjournment.

273/05/10 AUCKLAND SOCIAL POLICY FORUM – FEEDBACK TO THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

FILE REF PK/5/1

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

1.30 p.m. Social Policy Advisor (Michael Sinclair) in attendance.

Social Policy Advisor (Michael Sinclair) highlighted key issues in the report.

1.37 p.m. Assistant Chief Executive (Warren MacLennan) in attendance.

Discussion took place which included reference to the Forum being in the form of a committee in the new Auckland Council.

Social Policy Advisory (Michael Sinclair) was requested to make some minor amendments to the document.

Weld/Harding

- (a) That the draft submission, attached as Appendix 1 to the agenda report, on the Auckland Social Policy Forum Discussion Document, together with amendments agreed by the Committee, be approved for submission to the Ministry of Social Development.**
- (b) That the Council approve the feedback on the Auckland Social Policy Forum – Discussion Document.**
- (c) That the feedback be submitted to the Ministry of Social Development prior to 21 May 2010.**

Carried

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274/05/10 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTION PLAN**
FILE REF HF/1/1
AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

Social Policy Advisor (Michael Sinclair) highlighted key issues in the Affordable Housing Action Plan, which was the result of a directive to develop a policy statement and short term action plan, with a view to what the Council could practically achieve between now and the transition to the new Auckland Council.

2.06 p.m. The Mayor (Penny Webster) retired from the meeting.

Discussion took place which included the importance of maintaining the budget provisions for the implementation of the Affordable Housing Strategy in the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP). In addition to the Affordable Housing Action Plan there was a request that investigation be undertaken into the long term options and more explicit interventions as to how affordable housing could be provided in Rodney District.

Kirikiri/Goudie

- (a) **That the report be received.**
- (b) **That the Rodney District Council Affordable Housing Policy Statement and Short Term Action Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to the agenda report, be adopted.**

Carried

Weld/G Walker

- (c) **That other options for providing affordable housing in Rodney District be investigated.**

Carried

Crs Delich and Craig requested that their vote against clause (c) of the decision be recorded.

2.10 p.m. Social Policy Advisor (Michael Sinclair) retired from the meeting.

275/05/10 **RODNEY DISTRICT COUNCIL RURAL STRATEGY: CONSULTATION DRAFT: MAY 2010**
FILE REF TP/9/70
AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

2.10 p.m. Manager: District Planning (Peter Vari), Senior Policy Planner (Ian Bayliss) and Policy Planner (Kathryn Martin) and Senior Policy Planner (Dave Paul) in attendance.

Manager: District Planning (Peter Vari) and Senior Policy Planner (Ian Bayliss) outlined the amendments to the wording in the Draft Rural Strategy that had been made since the earlier discussion in the meeting.

Kirikiri/Craig

That, with the changes agreed at the meeting, the Rodney District Council Rural Strategy Consultation Draft, as set out in Appendix 1 (circulated under separate cover), be publicly notified for consultation.

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Division**For the motion**

Craig
Goudie
Kirikiri
Parker
Turner
Weld

Against the motion

Delich
Harding
G Walker

Carried

Crs G Walker and Delich requested that their vote against the motion be recorded for the following reasons:

- 1 They were opposed to the inclusion of the 'West Coast Rural Policy Area' because it will be or will lead on to be a further bureaucratic intrusion of landowner's privacy and rights.
- 2 There was no justification to take an existing 'coastal' East Coast policy and replicate it on the Western Rodney Hinterland.
- 3 This Hinterland had the same landform and land use as the adjoining 'rural production environment' area and thus, should be included within that policy area.
- 4 High sensitivity areas within the proposed 'West Coast Rural Policy area' already received adequate protection and/or attention from the ARPS, RDC District Plan, RMA, flood prone zones, SNAs, covenanted bush lots and more.

2.45 p.m. Cr G Walker, Senior Policy Planner (Ian Bayliss) and Policy Planner (Kathryn Martin) retired from the meeting.

276/05/10	PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITTEE DECISIONS
FILE REF	CF/1/1
AGENDA ITEM NO.	11

Kirikiri/Goudie

That the information be received.

Carried

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277/05/10 PUBLIC EXCLUDED

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

Kirikiri/Goudie

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

Minute No(s) 278/05/10 and 279/05/10

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.
Orewa West Structure Plan	The disclosure of information would not be in the public interest because of the greater need to enable the council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities (section 7(2)(h) Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987).	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist, under section 6 or section 7 (except section 7(2)(f)(i) of the Act). (section 48(1)(a) Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.)

Carried

Note: The following decision was made with the public excluded then brought into open meeting.

280/05/10 OREWA WEST STRUCTURE PLAN - UPDATE 2010

FILE REF TP/9/35

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

Senior Policy Planner (Dave Paul) gave an update on the Orewa West Structure Plan and advised that work was being done on an integrated catchment management plan in regard to the location of stormwater treatment ponds. It was envisaged that this plan would sit as a supporting document to the Structure Plan.

Kirikiri/Craig

- (a) That the Orewa West Structure Plan Update 2010 be adopted.
- (b) That the resolution be restated in open meeting and the agenda report be made available to members of the public on request.

Carried

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The meeting closed at 2.55 p.m.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THIS 8TH DAY OF JULY 2010

MAYOR

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APPENDIX 1

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