

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY, 2014, AT 2.04pm

PRESENT:

Claire Barlow (Mayor/Chair)
Cr Murray Cox
Cr Graham Smith
Cr Noel Jackson
Cr Evan Williams
Cr James Leslie

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)
Toni Morrison (staff)
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)

APOLOGIES:

Resolved that an apology be received from Cr Russell Armstrong.

Murray Cox/James Leslie

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

As this was the first meeting of a new committee there were no minutes to confirm.

REPORTS:

SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL 2013:

Toni Morrison asked for the committee's views regarding the need to put a submission to this bill. There was discussion regarding the level of work and staff time required to submit as an individual council.

Ms Morrison said the purpose of the Canterbury forum is to strengthen local body opinion. She was asked if she thinks a separate Mackenzie District Council submission would be useful, or a waste of staff resource. She said this was a question for council as to whether they wanted to be part of the Canterbury voice. No doubt some of the changes proposed in this bill are significant and will have an impact.

If we are going to put our name to a submission we need a high level of care to ensure it represents our views.

There is not sufficient time to bring an individual submission to the whole committee because of the deadline, so if an individual submission was made the committee would have to be happy with it being signed off by the chair.

Ms Morrison was asked what would be dropped off her priority list if she was to write a submission. She said the district plan review and cultural impact matters with runanga.

There was further discussion on the importance of her work with the district plan review.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Graham Smith/James Leslie

2. That the Committee acknowledges and endorses the collaborative work of the Canterbury Regional Strategy and Policy Forum in developing a recommended position shared between Canterbury councils on the *Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill (No 3)*.

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3. That the Council does not lodge a submission on the *Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill (No 3)*.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2.20pm**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____