

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014, AT 1.00PM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)
Nathan Hole (Planning and Regulation Manager)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Paul Morris (Finance and Administration Manager)
Toni Morrison (Senior Planner)
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)
Alistair Munro (Public)

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the committee confirm and adopt as a correct record the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting on February 4, 2014.

Russell Armstrong/Graham Smith

REPORTS:

DRAFT SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY:

The purpose of this report was for the committee to approve the draft Significance and Engagement Policy and publically notify it for public submissions.

Toni Morrison said the council is required to have this policy in place by December 1, 2014. She outlined the thresholds that determine significant decisions under the new policy.

Section 6 (Strategic Assets) is a list of assets. The managers have suggested some changes to this which are shown on pages 11 and 12 of the report.

Cr Smith asked why the halls had been removed from the list of strategic assets. Paul Morris said the Twizel Events Centre, Tekapo Community Centre and Fairlie Community Centre are still considered to be significant strategic assets. Other halls are being run by local groups.

The Mayor said the halls are self-governed and not viewed as strategic assets by the rest of the community, although they are significant to the communities who use them. Leaving them on the list would mean we need to consult with the whole district through a public consultative process every time we change something. Local communities should govern these halls rather than the whole district.

Cr Smith argued that the halls were strategic assets. Paul Morris said this document was still to go out for public consultation and a hearing of submissions. People may submit on this matter. There is no intention to sell or dispose of the halls. Removing them from the list recognises they are self-governing and decisions are best made by the local communities who use the halls.

The Mayor suggested we write specifically to the hall committees to let them know about the change to the list of strategic assets.

Spur Road water has been removed from the list because it's part of the Allandale supply. The Kimbell water supply has also been removed because they are small and self-managed. It would be good to engage with that committee about that.

Regarding forestry assets, Paul Morris said he suggests these be removed from the list because they are not core services like water or roads. Removing them from the list gives council the ability to move in and out of the forestry market as prices and the situation changes. Toni Morrison said before selling forestry land it would need to be included in the Long Term Plan and be part of the consultation process around this.

The meeting adjourned at 1.40pm and reconvened at 3.30pm.

Cr Leslie asked where the Pukaki Airport figures in this policy. Staff were asked to address this.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Evan Williams/Noel Jackson

2. That the committee approve the draft Significance and Engagement Policy.

Graham Smith/Russell Armstrong

3. That the committee agree to notify the draft policy for public submissions.

Graham Smith/Russell Armstrong

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3.33PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____