

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2012 AT 10.30 AM

PRESENT:

Graham Smith (Acting Chairman)
Claire Barlow
Peter Maxwell
Annette Money
Graeme Page
Evan Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Nathan Hole (Manager – Planning and Regulations)
Toni Morrison (Senior Policy Planner)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

VI UPPER WAITAKI ZONE - ZONE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME:

The Acting Chairman welcomed Mike Neilson and Mat Bayliss of the Upper Waitaki Water Management Zone Committee and Don Rule, Dann Olykan and Nic Newman of Environment Canterbury.

Mike Neilson said that Chapter 5 of the Upper Waitaki Zone Implementation Programme referred to the development of an economic growth strategy for the Upper Waitaki Zone; among the matters that would need to be addressed were:

- developing an inventory of the significant natural values of the zone and identifying opportunities and threats,
- valuing the contribution to the regional economies,
- pricing and valuing externalities,
- valuing a cubic metre of water.

He noted that much information was already available, such as the studies on hydro-generation on the Environment Canterbury website. However it would be a large task to collate it all.

Mat Bayliss said it was important to gain an understanding of the economic contribution made by all industry segments along with the benefits and adverse impacts. The principle underlying Clause 5.5 of the Upper Waitaki Zone Implementation Programme (ZIP) was to gather together facts and knowledge to ensure that good decisions were made that would culminate in a balanced growth strategy.

The Mayor noted that the Council would also be interested in have such information available.

Nic Newman said that it was not a question of just collecting data for data's sake. He said Upper Waitaki Zone (UWZ) would be going through the sub-regional process in 2014 and recommending water quality limits for the zone. It was important that the limits and rules imposed were based on good data.

The Senior Policy Planner asked if the information collation exercise was expected to begin immediately.

Mike Neilson said that basic elements should be undertaken first. He explained that one of the targets in the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) was that Canterbury's contribution to the GDP be grown by 20%. That would not be able to be quantified based on the current knowledge.

The Mayor said the Council needed to understand what was expected of it in terms of the costs and resources that could be involved. She noted that if the Council was to become involved it would be in its interest to develop a strategy for the whole District.

In response to the Deputy Chairman's request for Environment Canterbury's views, Don Rule said his perspective was that any strategy should avoid becoming too focussed on a water *quantity* argument. He said while there was much talk about water *quantity*, the limiting factor was in fact water *quality*.

Dann Olykan agreed that it should not be an either/or discussion. There was a need for sustainable growth which was not only about what water was used for, but impacts on schools, the social fabric of communities and employment were also key issues. He suggested the CWMS provided a valuable opportunity to pull everything together. It should not become a fight about which way water should go, but rather should be a visionary process for the regional economy. He said there were ten targets in the CWMS which covered a range of issues – water was an integral part of every aspect of the regional economy and the ten targets needed to be managed together.

Mr Olykan said that the community seemed to be quite polarised and there was evidence of numerous conflicting views. However behind them were fundamentally good areas of agreement. The zone committees were an integrated opportunity, not an alternative, for community involvement and commitment. One of the challenges of the CWMS was to involve councils more actively in the process. He added that the Commissioners had stated that if a scheme wasn't illegal they would ensure plans were put in place to reflect what communities wanted.

Mr Neilson said the purpose of the economics chapter in the ZIP was to provide more common ground and levels of agreement so that differing views could be discussed in the light of a greater knowledge base.

In response to a question from the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Neilson said that other ZIPs seemed to very light on the issue of economic strategy development.

Cr Page suggested that the UWZ did not wish to share its water with the the Orari Opihi Opuha (OOP) zone.

The Mayor said that while some people might have fixed views on that issue, the UWZ Committee did not. She considered the attitude was old fashioned, adversarial and combative and did not represent the Zone Committee's collaborative ethos.

Mr Bayliss said the UWZ and OOP Zones were collaborating and working through issues which included the sharing of water.

In response to the Mayor's questions as to how the economic strategy process might be driven, Mr Neilson said he proposed that a working group lead it at this stage. He asked if Council's Senior Policy Planner could become involved.

Mr Newman noted that other Zone Committee working groups were supported by staff from other local authorities.

The Senior Policy Planner clarified that the process as she understood would be for all available information to be collated first, then, following a period of consultation, a forward looking strategy would be developed that could feed into the sub-regional plan. She envisaged the time frame for that would be about 2014/2015.

Mr Newman agreed. He noted that he had not detected any disagreement regarding the development of an economic strategy per se, and how that might be developed.

The Deputy Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions to the discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.30 am and reconvened at 11.45 am.

I APOLOGY:

Resolved that an apology be received from John Bishop.

Annette Money/Evan Williams

II DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest.

III MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 18 September 2012, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Annette Money/Claire Barlow

IV REPORTS:

1. DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW:

This report from the Senior Policy Planner sought decisions on the form and process for the District Plan Review.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Committee agrees to commence a partial review of the District Plan under sections 73 and 79 of the RMA.
3. That the Committee confirm that the review is to cover all provisions other than those that are subject to Plan Changes 13 and 15.
4. That the review of all relevant District Plan provisions in accordance with Recommendations 2 and 3 is undertaken simultaneously and progressed through a single First Schedule process.

Annette Money/Evan Williams

2. PLAN CHANGE 13:

This report from the Manager – Planning and Regulations advised that there had been no decision as yet from the High Court. The whole Plan Change 13 process would remain on hold until the High Court’s decision was released.

3. SECTION 10A – DOG CONTROL ACTIVITY:

This report from the Manager – Planning and Regulations sought endorsement of the Council’s annual section 10A Dog Control Act 1996 report.

Resolved that the report be received.

Annette Money/Evan Williams

Resolved that the annual section 10A Dog Control Act 1996 report be endorsed and published in the Timaru Herald.

Claire Barlow/Graeme Page

4. HERITAGE PROTECTION FUND:

This report from the Manager – Planning and Regulations advised that there had been no applications to the Heritage Protection Fund in the current year.

Resolved that the report be received

Claire Barlow/Annette Money

It was suggested that the fund be advertised prior to May and October to raise awareness of it in the community.

IV PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

Resolved that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

1. High Court Judicial Review of by Forest and Bird - Certificates of Compliance for Simons Hill and Simons Pass Stations

| General subject of each matter to be considered | Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter | Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution |
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| 1. High Court Judicial Review by Forest and Bird - Certificates of Compliance for Simons Hill and Simons Pass Stations | To Maintain Legal Professional Privilege | 48(1)(a)(i) |

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, are as follows: *High Court Judicial Review of Forest and Bird - Simons Hill and Simons Pass Stations Certificates of Compliance* - section 7(2)(g).

Graeme Page/Evan Williams

The Committee continued in Open Meeting.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.15 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____