
Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee of the Waikato District Council held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 2019** commencing at **9.02am**.

Present:

Cr JM Gibb (Chairperson)
His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson [*until 9.59am and from 10.03am until 10.05am and from 10.10am*]
Cr AD Bech
Cr JA Church
Cr DW Fulton
Cr SD Lynch
Cr FM McNally
Cr BL Main
Cr EM Patterson [*until 9.04am and from 9.08am*]
Cr JD Sedgwick
Cr NMD Smith

Attending:

Mr G Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr T Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)
Mr C Morgan (General Manager Community Growth)
Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer)
Ms K Overwater (Senior Policy Planner)
Mr W Gauntlett (RM Policy Team Leader)
Mr G Boundy (Senior Environmental Planner)
Ms D Rawlings (Projects Team Leader)
Mrs LM Wainwright (Committee Secretary)
Mr B Stringer (Democracy Manager)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Crs Main/Church)

THAT an apology be received from Cr Henderson, Cr McGuire and Cr Thomson.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1903/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Bech/Patterson)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on Wednesday 27 March 2019 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting with the exception of those items detailed at agenda item 6 which shall be considered with the public excluded;

AND THAT all reports be received.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1903/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cr Gibb advised members of the Committee that she would declare a non financial conflict of interest in item 6.3 [*Proposed Waikato District Plan – Appointment of hearing commissioners*].

Cr Fulton advised members of the Committee that he would declare a non financial conflict of interest in item 6.3 [*Proposed Waikato District Plan – Appointment of hearing commissioners*].

Cr Sedgwick advised members of the Committee that she would declare a non financial conflict of interest in item 6.3 [*Proposed Waikato District Plan – Appointment of hearing commissioners*].

His Worship the Mayor advised members of the Committee that he would declare a non financial conflict of interest in item 7.4 [*Council Controlled Organisations' Interim Accounts*] and item PEX 3.1 [*Draft Statements of Intent for 2019/20*] both in relation to the Waikato District Wellbeing Trust section of the reports.

Cr Church advised members of the Committee that she would declare a non financial conflict of interest in item 7.4 [*Council Controlled Organisations' Interim Accounts*] and item PEX 3.1 [*Draft Statements of Intent for 2019/20*] both in relation to the Waikato District Wellbeing Trust section of the reports.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/McInally)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on Wednesday 27 February 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1903/03

RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Resolved: (Crs Bech/Sedgwick)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Audit & Risk Subcommittee held on Wednesday 13 March 2019 be received.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1903/04

Cr Patterson withdrew from the meeting at 9.04am during discussion on the above item and was not present when voting took place.

REPORTS

Waikato Enterprise Agency
Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*S&F1903/02 refers*] and no discussion was held.

Cr Patterson re-entered the meeting at 9.08am during discussion on the above item.

Update on National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Soils
Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*S&F1903/02 refers*] and taken as read. The Senior Policy Planner highlighted the following points:

- The Highly Productive Soils project was led by the Ministry for Primary Industries; and
- Waikato Regional Council was carrying out a nationwide project on highly productive soils and was investigating more accurate mapping.

The meeting adjourned at 9.19am and resumed at 9.43am.

Proposed Waikato District Plan - Appointment of hearing commissioners with an understanding of tikanga and the perspectives of local iwi/hapuu
Agenda Item 6.3

Cr Gibb declared a conflict of interest, vacated the Chair, withdrew to the public gallery and did not speak to, or vote on this item.

Cr Bech assumed the Chair for this item.

Cr Fulton declared a conflict of interest, withdrew to the public gallery and did not speak to, or vote on this item.

Cr Sedgwick declared a conflict of interest, withdrew to the public gallery and did not speak to, or vote on this item.

The report was received [*S&F1903/02 refers*] and taken as read. The RM Policy Team Leader outlined the experience and training of Commissioners for the District Plan Hearing process.

Resolved: (His Worship the Mayor/Cr Lynch)

THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee recommends to Council that, pursuant to section 34A(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991, Linda Te Aho be appointed to the Hearings Panel pool for the Proposed Waikato District Plan Stages 1 and 2 as lead independent commissioner bringing an understanding of tikanga Maaori and of the perspectives of local iwi and hapuu;

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1903/05

Resolved: (His Worship the Mayor/Cr Patterson)

THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee recommends to Council that, pursuant to section 34A(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991, Weo Maag be appointed to the Hearings Panel pool for the Proposed Waikato District Plan Stages 1 and 2 as a supporting independent commissioner bringing an understanding of tikanga Maaori and of the perspectives of local iwi and hapuu.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1903/06

Cr Gibb resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting following the conclusion of Item 6.3.

Consideration of Conservation Fund Applications

Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [*S&F1903/02 refers*] and taken as read. No discussion was held.

Resolved: (Crs Church/Smith)

THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee recommends to Council that the Conservation Fund application of \$9,000.00 from David Johnstone Pukemokemoke Bush Reserve Trust be approved in full.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1903/07

Whatawhata Community Facility Consultation Outcome
Agenda Item 7.1

The report was received [*S&F1903/02 refers*] and taken as read. The Chief Financial Officer highlighted:

- That the acquisition and disposal strategy of Council land would be addressed in the future; and
- The Projects Team Leader was congratulated on her work with the Whatawhata community throughout the consultation process.

Resolved: (Crs Church/Bech)

THAT the Committee recommends that Council provide \$250,000 of seed funding for the project via a deficit reserve, until such time the consultation has concluded and final funding solutions can be confirmed by Council;

AND THAT the Committee recommends that Council rescind the resolution passed in 2016 (WDC1612/04/3/2) to declare the proposed hall site as surplus land;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee will review the funding mechanisms for community facilities for both capital and operational costs to deliver better alignment across all social infrastructure projects in the district.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1903/08

His Worship the Mayor withdrew from the meeting at 9.59am during discussion on the above item and was not present when voting took place.

Proposed Target Rate Increase for Matangi Hall – Alteration of Resolution
Agenda Item 7.2

The report was received [*S&F1903/02 refers*] and no discussion was held.

Resolved: (His Worship the Mayor/Cr Fulton)

THAT the following Strategy & Finance Committee resolution (S&F1902/07) be altered from:

THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee recommend to Council to implement the proposed increase to the annual targeted rate from \$24 to \$30 as at 1 June 2019 to support the ongoing maintenance of the Matangi Hall.

to read:

THAT the Strategy & Finance Committee recommend to Council to implement the proposed increase to the annual targeted rate from \$24 to \$30 as at 1 July 2019 to support the ongoing maintenance of the Matangi Hall.

CARRIED on the voices

S&F1903/09

His Worship the Mayor re-entered the meeting at 10.03am during discussion on the above item and was present when voting took place.

Financial Review of Key Projects
Agenda Item 7.3

The report was received [*S&F1903/02 refers*] and taken as read. No discussion was held.

His Worship the Mayor withdrew from the meeting at 10.05am during discussion on the above item.

Council Controlled Organisations' Interim Accounts
Agenda Item 7.4

His Worship the Mayor declared a conflict of interest, withdrew to the public gallery and did not speak to this item.

Cr Church declared a conflict of interest, withdrew to the public gallery and did not speak to this item.

The report was received [*S&F1903/02 refers*] and taken as read. The Chief Financial Officer highlighted the following points:

- An audited annual report is no longer required for Strada Corporation under the Local Government Act 2002; and
- The Waikato District Wellbeing Trust was a managed fund and the Council does not receive a dividend.

Financial performance summary for the period ending 28 February 2019
Agenda Item 7.5

The report was received [*S&F1903/02 refers*] and no discussion was held.

His Worship the Mayor re-entered the meeting at 10.10am during discussion on the above item.

