WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND REGULATION COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2015 AT 1.00PM

PRESENT

Councillor C Faass (Chairperson), Mayor D Ayers, Councillors P Allen, N Atkinson, J Gerard and K Barnett

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Doody (from 1.40pm, present for the briefing)
Messrs N Harrison (Manager Planning and Regulation Manager), T Ellis (Development Planning Manager), Mrs V Caseley (Plan Implementation Manager), Ms B Bray (Senior Policy Planner), Messrs M Bacon (Resource Management Planner), C Bacon (Senior Engineer), N Law (Resource Management Planner), Mrs S O’Hara (Building Officer), Mrs A Benbrook (Planning Administrator) and Mrs A Smith (Committee Advisor)

Victoria introduced Nick Law to the committee. Nick recently commenced employment in the Planning Department as a Graduate Resource Management Planner.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Resource Management and Regulation Committee held on 16 February 2016

Moved Councillor Allen seconded Councillor Atkinson

THAT the Resource Management and Regulation Committee:

(a) Confirms as a true and correct record the minutes of a meeting of the Resource Management and Regulation Committee held on 16 February 2016, with the correction to page 4, under Item 6.3 remove the following sentence in paragraph 4 - “Councillor Barnett believes there is serious undermining of the RMA”.

CARRIED

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

5. PRESENTATION

There were no presentations.
6. REPORTS

6.1 Accelerated District Plan Review – Activities-based and Effects-based District Plan Approaches – Bev Bray – (Senior Policy Planner)

Ms Bev Bray presented this report recommending that the accelerated District Plan Review changes from the current effects-based plan to an activity based plan. The committee has considered this matter previously in briefing discussions. The move to an activities-based approach would enable the plan to be clearer, more concise and easily understood. It also provides more certainty for the community and developers by effectively listing activities. Ms Bray advised that the district plan review is subject to public notification under the RMA and any changes proposed would be discussed through the notification and submission process.

Moved Councillor Gerard seconded Councillor Barnett

THAT the Resource Management and Regulation Committee

(a) Receives report no. 160210010374

(b) Approves a move to an activities-based plan during the plan review process to provide for greater certainty and ease of use for users of the District Plan.

CARRIED

Councillor Barnett noted that this matter was discussed at the All Boards workshop recently.

6.2 Telescopic Pool Covers: Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987 – Stephanie O’Hara (General Inspector)

Mrs O’Hara was present for the consideration of this report and Nick Harrison provided some background information on this matter of the possible introduction of telescopic pool enclosures into the district. Mrs O’Hara said the intent of bringing this matter to the committee today was to get direction and to have consistency about decision making with any approaches to the Council from the public wishing to have these pool enclosures on their property. A brochure with further information on the covers was circulated to the committee at the meeting.

At 1.11pm the meeting adjourned for a workshop and resumed at 1.32pm.

Concerns were raised that these pool covers would be left open after the pool had been used but it was noted that it is up to pool owners to comply with conditions of the Act or an exemption granted by the hearing committee.

Moved Councillor Atkinson seconded Councillor Allen

THAT the Resource Management and Regulation Committee:

(a) Receives report No. 160301017471.

(b) Resolves that as guidance, telescopic pool enclosures can be assessed by the exemption hearing committee in a similar way to lockable spa pool covers.

(c) Notes that the hearing committee can place conditions on any exemption.
(d) **Notes** that the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987 does not have provision to grant general exemptions and each application would still be considered on its merits.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Atkinson said any applications for exemption will come to the Hearings Committee and this is the time for conditions to be placed on the exemption. Following discussion during the workshop, Councillor Atkinson believes when a property is sold, it is usual for the purchaser's solicitor to request information on whether swimming pool or spa pool fencing complies with the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act or has an approved exemption.

Councillor Allen noted that each application for exemption is looked at on its merits.

Following a question from Mayor Ayers, Mrs O’Hara advised that the Hearing Panel has not dealt with any requests for these pool enclosures at this stage.

Councillor Gerard noted the role of the Hearing Panel is to allow people to comply with the Act and enjoy outdoor activities.

7. **PORTFOLIO UPDATES**

7.1 **District Plan** - Councillor Kirstyn Barnett

Nothing to report.

7.2 **Environmental Health and Civil Defence** – Councillor Caroline Faass

Nothing to report.

7.3 **Kaiapoi and Rangiora Town Centres** – Councillor Neville Atkinson

Councillor Atkinson noted that the improvements to the town centres are progressing well.

8. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

9. **URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no urgent general business.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.39pm.
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Chairperson

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Date

**STAFF BRIEFING**

At the conclusion of the meeting, a staff briefing was held to discuss:

1. Natural Hazards Plan Change and Kaiapoi – Trevor Ellis
2. Harris Plan Change and fences – Matt Bacon
3. Contestable Fund – ring fence or allocate unclaimed funds – Matt Bacon