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 17 MAY 2016 AT 1.00PM

PRESENT

Councillor C Faass (Chairperson), Councillors P Allen, J Gerard and K Barnett

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor J Meyer,
Messrs N Harrison (Manager Planning and Regulation Manager), T Ellis (Development Planning Manager), M Bacon (Resource Management Planner), Ms N Hunt (Communications Co-ordinator), B Muir (Planner Policy), A Benbrook (Planning Administrator), S Milosavljevic (Policy Planner) and A Smith (Committee Advisor)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and sustained from Mayor D Ayers and Councillor N Atkinson.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were noted.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Resource Management and Regulation Committee held on 15 March 2016

Moved Councillor Gerard seconded Councillor Barnett

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 15 March 2016.

CARRIED

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

5. PRESENTATION

There was no presentation.
6. REPORTS

6.1 Public Release of Draft District Plan Change 27 – Natural Hazards Management – Trevor Ellis (Development Planning Manager) and Nicola Hunt (Communications Co-ordinator)

Mr Ellis and Ms Hunt were present for consideration of this report. This seeks approval of the committee to make available the draft of the proposed Plan Change 27 Natural Hazards Management to the District Plan. The hazards relate to earthquake (fault line identification and liquefaction/lateral spread), flooding and some coastal hazard work (erosion), which needs to come through in the District Plan. It was noted that in relation to flooding, the level of information is the best that the Council has had for some time. This is likely to have the most far reaching effects. Mr Ellis provided information on the proposed key amendments for flooding, with the identification of high hazard areas and those areas which are identified as low and medium hazards. The high hazard areas are likely to be those that gain the most attention. It may mean any building additions to current properties will require resource consent to be undertaken. This Plan Change does not cover other potential hazards such as fire, snow events or tsunami.

Nicola Hunt provided information regarding the communications package, advising that there is a web app that has been created which is available on the website. The main focus of the plan is that the information that is being available to the public is easily understood. The communication plan includes newspaper advertisements, Facebook posts and five drop-in sessions. There will also be a phone number available for people to call to speak directly to a Planning team member with any queries. The committee were also asked if it would give consideration for members of the public to come to speak to the committee on matters relating to this issue.

Marion Gadsby and David Goddard from Environment Canterbury joined the meeting at this time and were available to answer any questions of members on issues with hazards.

The meeting adjourned for a workshop discussion at 1.10pm and reconvened at 1.40pm.

Moved Councillor Gerard seconded Councillor Allen

THAT the Resource Management and Regulation Committee

(a) Receives report No. 160421035770.

(b) Approves to make available proposed Plan Change 27 (Natural Hazards Management) to the District Plan as a draft for public discussion and comment prior to RMA notification as a proposed plan change.

(c) Approves the District Plan Portfolio holder to review any minor amendments to the proposed draft plan change prior to public engagement.

(d) Notes that the proposed engagement process on the draft plan change provides for the Committee to hear and consider comments from those that wish to be heard.

(e) Notes the feedback from the consultation period will be heard. A request to notify the proposed Plan Change 27 under provision of the Resource Management Act may follow at the conclusion of the consultation period at a date to be determined.
Notes that the Plan Change makes no change to the process around managing issues with liquefaction.

CARRIED

Councillor Gerard noted that the Council owes it to the community to put everything that it knows in front of them.

Councillor Barnett supports the two stage process, though has a concern with the formality of members of the public speaking to an RMR committee meeting, and there still being a formal Plan Change hearing process to go through after this. It was suggested a less formal approach be adopted, of drop in sessions where more informal discussion can take place. Councillor Barnett also has concerns that if members of the public speak to the RMR Committee, it is possible that the subsequent District Plan Change Hearing panel could also comprise members from this committee. Members agreed that a more informal approach would be beneficial. Councillor Barnett commented on liquefaction, suggesting that a lot of people don’t fully understand this.

6.2 **Waimakariri District Plan Review – Confirmation of Resourcing and Budget** – Trevor Ellis (Development Planning Manager)

Mr Ellis presented this report, seeking confirmation from the committee of the proposed additional budget for the accelerated District Plan review. This is to go to the Council for finalising the 2016/17 budget and Annual Plan. Staffing resources will need to be looked at for this review process, as supported by external advice recommended from Resource Coordination Partnership (RCP).

Moved Councillor Barnett seconded Councillor Allen

THAT the Resource Management and Regulation Committee:

(a) Receives report No. 160505040697.

(b) Recommends to Council to confirm proposed additional budget of $1.75 million to undertake the accelerated District Plan review to be spread over 3 years as set out in Attachment ii.

(c) Notes that the costs of the hearings stage of the District Plan review are to be determined through the 2018/2028 Long Term Plan.

(d) Notes that a full Project Initiation Document will be reported to the Committee at its July meeting.

CARRIED

7. **PORTFOLIO UPDATES**

7.1 **District Plan** - Councillor Kirstyn Barnett

- Councillor Barnett has recently attended the Planning Conference and noted the information provided on the aging population. The Council needs to look at ways of having the older residents living closer to the town centres.

- There will be a lot of work in the District Plan Review for the new term of Council in October, in addition to the DLC work. This workload will need to be carefully monitored.
7.2 Environmental Health and Civil Defence – Councillor Caroline Faass

Councillor Faass noted there is a Gambling licence hearing to be held on 14 June.

7.3 Kaiapoi and Rangiora Town Centres – Councillor Neville Atkinson

Councillor Atkinson was not present.

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 1.52pm.

CONFIRMED

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Chairperson

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Date