

Council Briefing Minutes

Date: Thursday 07 March 2019

Time: Meeting started at 9.30 am
Meeting ended at 12.39 pm

Venue: Dargaville Town Hall – 37 Hokianga Road, Dargaville

	Briefing Report
1	District Plan Progress
2	Freedom camping update
3	Consolidated General Bylaw update
4	Sale of Council-owned land
5	Lincoln Downs property – 295 Browns Road, Hakaru
6	Reporting forward work programme

Present

Deputy Mayor Peter Wethey (Chair), Councillor Anna Curnow, Councillor Victoria del la Varis-Woodcock, Councillor Libby Jones, Councillor Karen Joyce-Paki, Councillor Andrew Wade

Name	Designation	Item(s)
Curt Martin	Chief Operating Officer and General Manager Infrastructure	All
Sue Davidson	General Manager Risk, IT and Finance	All
Fran Mikulicic	General Manager Regulatory, Planning and Policy	All
Jason Marris	General Manager Governance, Strategy and Democracy	All
Kathie Fletcher	Policy Manager	All
Paula Hansen	Policy Planner	1—4
Paul Waanders	District Planner	1
John Burt	Commercial and Property Advisor	2—close
Francis Toko	Iwi Relations Manager	All
Tanya Wilson	Governance Advisor	All
Lisa Hong	Governance Advisor	All (Minute-taker)

Apology

Mayor Jason Smith, Councillor Jonathan Larsen

Absent

Councillor Julie Geange

1 District Plan Progress

Paul Waanders gave an overview of the District Plan review. Fran Mikulicic, Kathie Fletcher and Paul Waanders answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- District Plan themes
- How staff will manage controversial topics
- Supporting economic development and businesses
- Iwi consultation
- Protection of geological sites
- Recreational spaces, including cycleways
- Consultants and costs.

Council provided direction for staff to:

- Provide more detailed financial reporting for future updates
- Publish more information on the council website for the public.

The meeting adjourned for meeting tea at 10.43 am.

The meeting recommenced at 10.58 am.

2 Freedom camping update

Paula Hansen gave an update on freedom camping. Paula Hansen and Kathie Fletcher answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- Council's role and options
- Strategy, policy and bylaw options
- Issues relating to toilets, rubbish and water
- Signage
- Advertising and unintended negative outcome
- Lessons learnt from other councils
- Impact of social media
- Possible funding for infrastructure upgrades to encourage tourism to the district
- Costs to the local economy
- Fees.

Council provided direction for staff to report back with options.

3 Consolidated General Bylaw update

Paula Hansen gave an update on Consolidated General Bylaw. Paula Hansen and Kathie Fletcher answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- Consistency across Northland region
- Lessons learnt from other councils
- Next steps.

4 Sale of council-owned land

John Burt gave a presentation on the sale of council-owned land¹. John Burt and Sue Davidson answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- Types of surplus land
- Central government developments in forestry policy
- Iwi consultation.

5 Lincoln Downs property – 295 Browns Road, Hakaru

Curt Martin gave an overview of issues at the Lincoln Downs property and answered questions from elected members. Councillor Wethey tabled 'Feasibility Study – Lincoln Downs Recreation Reserve' (Mangawhai Tracks Charitable Trust, March 2019)ⁱⁱ.

Council discussed:

- Importance of recreational spaces
- Public interest in recreational spaces, particularly for cycling and hiking
- Iwi consultation and timeframes.

6 Reporting forward work programme

Jason Marris tabled attachment A, reporting forward work programmeⁱⁱⁱ. Curt Martin, Fran Mikulici and Jason Marris gave a presentation^{iv} and answered questions from elected members.

Meeting ended at 12.39pm.

ⁱ Sale of council-owned land presentation

ⁱⁱ Feasibility Study – Lindon Downs Recreation Reserve (Mangawhai Tracks Charitable Trust, March 2019)

ⁱⁱⁱ Reporting forward work programme

^{iv} Reporting forward work programme presentation