



RANGITIKEI

DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Bulls Community Committee

Order Paper

Tuesday 15 September 2020
6.00pm

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Councillor Brian Carter and Councillor Jane Dunn

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Bulls Community Committee Meeting

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The quorum for the Bulls Community Committee is 6 including 1 Elected Member.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, ie half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

1 Welcome

2 Public Forum

Mr Graeme Platt to speak in regards to the 'A Bull' branding and Town signage.

Ms Helen Scully of the Bulls & District Community Trust to provide an update on the township branding.

3 Apologies

4 Member's conflict of interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of order of business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes for the meeting of the Bulls Community Committee held on 21 July 2020 are attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-1

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 21 July 2020 {as amended/ without amendment} be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Chair's Report

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

Recommendation:

That the verbal 'Chairs Report' to the 15 September 2020 Bulls Community Committee be received.

8 Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Committee

Installation of rubbish bins

At its 27 August 2020 meeting, Council approved to investigate with Horizons the installation of rubbish bins at the picnic area on the Bulls side of the Rangitikei River, noting the need for continued maintenance of the bins and removal of the rubbish on a regular basis.

Dog litter bag dispensers

Council were not in favour of purchasing and installing two dog litter bag dispensers, noting not all dog owners are irresponsible.

9 Council Response to Queries Raised at Previous Meetings

Process of being co-opted onto a Committee

An update will be provided at the meeting.

Update on the car parked at the Bulls bus stop

The car has since moved from the park outside the bus stop, this was without Council staff intervening.

10 Bulls Community Co-Ordinator Report

There are no updates to provide this month.

11 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update' to the 15 September 2020 Bulls Community Committee meeting be received.

12 Civil Defence Community Response Plan

Paul Chaffe, staff member responsible for Emergency Management will be present to update the Committee on the Civil Defence Community Response Plan.

13 Town Signage

At Council's meeting on 27 August 2020, Tricia Falkner, on behalf the Bulls Community Committee and Bulls & District Community Trust, spoke during Public Forum presenting the process and consultation of developing the new Bulls Township Sign image. The presentation

highlighted the two option pamphlet drop consultation and preference for of submitters for option A.

At the same meeting, and prior to the presentation by Ms Falkner, Heather Thorby raised her concern to Elected Members questioning community input into the design and rigour of the consultation process. A report is being prepared for the 24 September Council meeting with the following options for Council's consideration:

- a) approve Option A (on the basis of the outcome of the recent pamphlet drop)
- b) require a further period of consultation and clarification of the options beyond Option A and Option B.

14 Bulls playground – Devon Crescent and Kittyhawk Row

The New Zealand Defence Force owned playground at Devon Crescent and Kittyhawk Row, has been subjected to constant vandalism and graffiti over the years and is rapidly deteriorating.

Spotless (who maintain the facility) have undertaken a maintenance check and have advised that all of the vertical posts (24) are rotting below ground level and require replacement. The entire playground would require dismantling so the posts can be replaced. This is estimated to cost around \$10,000.

The NZDF are recommending to demolish the existing playground, and turn the area into grass. If the playground was to be demolished this would cost approximately \$2,500. Pictures and a recent maintenance report are attached.

The New Zealand Defence Force would like feedback on this proposal.

15 Pedestrian Crossing Light

Discussion item.

16 Logo design and by-line 'A Voice to the Community'

At the 12 December 2019 meeting Council confirmed the recommendation from the Taihape Community Board that each Community Board and Committee have a committee/board logo with the by-line 'A Voice to the Community'. The logo is attached. Each committee chair will receive a file with the logo images in different formats along with guidelines on appropriate use.

17 Mayoral Update

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 15 September 2020 Bulls Community Committee be received.

18 Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020

A memorandum is attached.

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020' to the 15 September 2020 Bulls Community Committee meeting be received.

19 Placemaking

Discussion item.

20 Small projects Grant Scheme update – September 2020

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-2

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – September 2020' to the 15 September 2020 Bulls Community Committee be received.

21 Community Grants

The Events Sponsorship Scheme closed on 21 August 2020, with a total of 12 applications received, the deliberation meeting will be held 22 September 2020.

The following funding schemes are due to open as follows:

- The Creative Communities Scheme will be open from 29 August – 18 September 2020.
- Community Initiatives will be open from 3 October – 23 October 2020.

Applications are being received and processed through the online portal SmartyGrants.

<https://rangitikei.smartygrants.com.au/>

22 Late Items

As accepted in item 5.

23 Future Items for the Agenda

Parking Bylaw

24 Next meeting

Tuesday 17 November at 6.00 pm

25 Meeting Closed

Attachment 1



Rangitikei District Council

Bulls Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 21 July 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

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Present: Mr Tyrone Barker (Chair)
Mr Nigel Bowen
Mr Bruce Dear
Ms Tricia Falkner
Mr Matthew Holden
Ms Raewyn Turner
Mr Russel Ward
Councillor Brian Carter
Councillor Jane Dunn
Councillor Waru Panapa

In attendance: Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator
Ms Helen Scully, Bulls and District Community Trust - Chair
Ms Heidi Macaulay, Bulls Community Co-ordinator

Tabled Items: Chairs report
NZTA updates
Takaro Park exercise station
Invoice for Small Grants Fund
Bulls Town Signage images

Late Items: Community Patrol
Parking Bylaw

1 Welcome

The chair opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies

That the apology for lateness of His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson be received and the apology for absence of Ms Harrison, Mr Willis and Ms Whakatihi be received.

Ms Turner/Mr Dear. Carried

4 Member's conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of order of business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting,

- Community Patrol
- Parking Bylaw

be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Mr Barker updated Committee members that Mr Sharland has withdrawn his request to be co-opted onto the Bulls Community Committee.

Mr Dear queried the process of how a community member can be co-opted onto a Community Committee and requested an update come back to the next meeting.

His Worship the Mayor arrived 6.08pm

Mr Bowen arrived 6.08pm.

Undertaking

Subject

Staff to provide the Bulls Community Committee with the process that Council or local government follows for being co-opted onto a committee.

Resolved minute number**20/BCC/010****File Ref****3-CC-1-1**

That the Minutes of the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 11 February 2020 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Dunn/Mr Bowen. Carried

7 Chair's Report

The Chair tabled a report to the meeting.

Resolved minute number**20/BCC/011****File Ref**

That the tabled 'Chair's Report' to the 21 July 2020 Bulls Community Committee be received.

Mr Barker/Ms Turner. Carried

8 Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Committee

That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council that the yet to be formed Bulls Domain user group become a Sub-Committee of the Bulls Community Committee.

Mr Barker noted the sub-committee is a work in progress due to unforeseen hurdles created from Covid-19, stakeholders have not yet been contacted. He advised Ms Gower suggested contacting the Marton Development Group for advice moving forward on the project.

Ms Turner presented a tabled image of an exercise station from Takaro Park in Palmerston North.

His Worship the Mayor expressed that the Marton Development Group have done exceptionally well for their \$1.1 million project. He advised that with intentions of replacing a playground, this will incorporate an audit which costs approximately \$7,000 plus relocation of the old equipment which would need to be audited also.

That the Bulls Community Committee recommend to Council to add a 70km/h area on State Highway 3 past the Kiwi Tech Building to reduce the engine breaking from trucks within the Bulls town boundary, and to add a 70km/h area on State Highway 1, north of Bulls by the beginning of the Polo grounds (Ex Racecourse).

The commentary and tabled document were taken as read.

His Worship the Mayor left 6.24pm.

9 Council Response to Queries Raised at Previous Meetings

There were no queries raised at the previous meeting.

10 Bulls Community Co-Ordinator Report

Ms Macaulay took her report as read and provided the following updates:

- 50 people assisted with the planting of trees with Horizons.
- Whanganui District Health Board will be promoting prostate cancer checks, a poster of local rugby players will be going up on the corner by the new Bulls Community Centre.
- Liaising with the food pantry in Marton to open up one in Bulls, this will be at the Carter room in the RSA once it is up and running.
- Needing volunteers for the Arts 4 Arts Sake exhibition.

Ms Scully advised that, as the outcome from the Covid-19 lockdown showed that vulnerable people were still missed out within the community, the Bulls & District Community Trust are wanting to establish a "Bulls Community Wellbeing Group" to assist those in need.

Resolved minute number

20/BCC/012

File Ref

That the 'Bulls Community Co-Ordinator Report' to the 21 July 2020 Bulls Community Committee be received.

Cr Carter/Cr Dunn. Carried

11 Fallen Soldiers' Memorial

The letter was taken as read.

The Committee requested that a copy of the letter be sent to the Bulls RSA, Bulls Museum and Historical Society, if not already done.

Undertaking

Subject

Staff to follow up and send copies of the Fallen Soldier's Memorial letter to the Bulls RSA, Bulls Museum and Historical Society.

Resolved minute number

20/BCC/013

File Ref

That the letter 'Fallen Soldiers' Memorial' to the 21 July 2020 Bulls Community Committee be received.

Mr Barker/Ms Turner. Carried

12 Town Signage

Bulls Town Signage

Ms Falkner presented the draft tabled images for the Bulls Town Signage, along with the new “A-Bull” branding which will be also used for merchandise.

She expressed the town sign images were still in draft form, and were to be rendered before being sent out for public consultation, noting the branding images are not to go for public consultation.

Rangitikei River Signage

Ms Macaulay requested permission from the Committee to update the signage at the Rangitikei River entrance (Bulls side). The Committee were in agreement to update the sign, with Ms Macaulay to communicate any updates via email.

Ms Macaulay left 7.00pm.

13 Rubbish bins at the River picnic area

Mr Barker updated the Committee that during lockdown, there was many reports of rubbish dumping at the river. There was a rubbish bin at the picnic area which appears to have been knocked down, beforehand it would be filled in one afternoon with the amount of rubbish down there.

The Committee discussed whether having more bins would encourage more people to dump, however installation of signs and cameras could deter further dumping and arson.

Resolved minute number	20/BCC/014	File Ref
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That, the Bulls Community Committee recommend to Council that they investigate with Horizons the installation of rubbish bins at the picnic area on the Bulls side of the Rangitikei River, noting the need for continued maintenance of the bins and removal of the rubbish on a regular basis.

Mr Barker/Cr Dunn. Carried

Ms Scully left 7.11pm.

14 Disposable dog bags strategically placed at the Bulls Domain

Mr Barker spoke to the item, highlighting there have been irresponsible dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs and the issue appears to be getting worse, notably by the playground.

Resolved minute number **20/BCC/015** **File Ref**

The Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council to purchase and install two dog litter bag dispensers and strategically place them around the Bulls Domain and to fund them from dog registrations.

Mr Barker/Ms Falkner. Carried

15 Intermediaries

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda and questioned whether this would be a conflict of interest as the Committee can be seen as part of Council.

After discussion, and noting Councillor Panapa's comment that there is a difference between a mediator and intermediary, the Committee supported Mr Barker to be appointed to the role.

Resolved minute number **20/BCC/016** **File Ref**

That, the Chair of Bulls Community Committee, Mr Tyrone Barker agrees to be an Intermediary on behalf of Rangitikei District Council and the community they service.

Mr Barker/Mr Holden. Carried

16 Mayoral Update

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **20/BCC/017** **File Ref**

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 21 July 2020 Bulls Community Committee be received.

Cr Carter/Ms Falkner. Carried

17 Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020

The memorandum was taken as read, the Committee noted that nominations for the Youth awards are due to close in August.

Resolved minute number **20/BCC/018** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020' to the 21 July 2020 Bulls Community Committee meeting be received.

Ms Turner/Mr Dear. Carried

18 Placemaking

Councillor Dunn thanked Ms Sharlene Barker and Mr Russel Ward with placemaking activities.

19 Small Projects Grant Scheme update – July 2020

The memorandum and tabled invoice were taken as read.

Resolved minute number	20/BCC/019	File Ref	3-CC-1-2
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That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – July 2020' to the 21 July 2020 Bulls Community Committee be received.

Cr Dunn/Mr Barker. Carried

Resolved minute number	20/BCC/020	File Ref
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That the Bulls Community Committee agree to pay the additional \$200 from the small projects grants fund to Steve Leurink for the design and production artwork generated for the Bulls Town Signage.

Mr Dear/Ms Turner. Carried

20 Community Grants

Ms Turner advised the committee to take note of the upcoming funding scheme timelines and to share this amongst the community, noting Crafts Alive in Marton and Art 4 Arts Sake in Bulls events are due to take place September and October.

21 Late Items

Community Patrol

Mr Barker presented the Community Patrol pamphlet advising that the voluntary organisation are needing new members, he requested that members go out to their networks and seek volunteers, noting that the organisation works with the police and each volunteer are police vetted.

Parking Bylaw

Mr Holden raised a query about the long term parking of the car parked at the Bus stop next to Subway. Councillors advised that the police have been contacted and have not been successful in contacting the owner, noting that no laws are being broken.

The Committee requested that an update on the Parking Bylaw be provided at the next meeting.

Undertaking

Subject

Staff to provide an update on the car parked at the bus stop and what the Parking Bylaw rules are.

22 Future Items for the Agenda

Parking Bylaw

23 Next meeting

Tuesday 15 September at 6.00pm

24 Future Meeting dates for 2020

Tuesday 17 November at 6.00 pm

25 Meeting Closed

7.44pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

Attachment 2

Memorandum

To: Bulls Community Committee

From: Carol Gordon – Project Manager

Date: 28 August 2020

Subject: **Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update**

File: 3-CC-1-5

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Bulls Community Committee an update on the development of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

2 Context

- 2.1 Every Local Authority must at all times have a Long Term Plan (LTP) which covers a period of not less than 10 consecutive years and is formally consulted on using the special consultative process outlined in the Local government Act.

- 2.2 The purpose of the LTP is set out in section 93(6) of the Local Government Act and includes:

- Describes the activities of the Local Authority (LA)
- Describes the community outcomes of the District
- Provides integrated decision-making and co-ordination of the resources of the LA
- Provides a long-term focus for the decisions and activities of the LA
- Provides a basis for accountability of the LA to the community.

It also provides Elected Members the chance to make a major difference during their three year term.

- 2.3 Council has begun its process to develop and produce its Long Term Plan. A Project Team has been established, **Appendix 1** shows the makeup of the project team and their responsibilities.

- 2.4 So far Council has held three Workshops specifically on the development of the Long Term Plan, these were held on 23 July, 20 and 27 August.

- 2.5 An invitation has been made to the Chairs of each Community Committee, Community Board and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa to participate in subsequent LTP workshops, to provide input from their respective community.

2.5.1 Outcomes from Workshop 1 – 23 July

This workshop provided a full explanation of what an LTP was, its purpose, what information must be included, and the need to strike the right balance between “the

community needs and aspirations; services provided by Council and the willingness / ability to pay” of our community.

At this workshop Council agreed to engage early, on a more informal basis, with all sectors of our community to find out what’s important to them, and do this by going out to where our people are. This precedes formal engagement that needs to be done next year, using a formal Consultation Document (CD) and submission process.

Councillors also identified a list of “significant issues” that our communities could be facing and this list will be further developed to be included in the early engagement to generate discussion and opinions on where Council’s focus should be for the next 10 years.

Roading was also a focus for this workshop. The basis for the Asset Management Plan was presented to Councillors - this will be used for the initial application to the New Zealand Transport Agency for continuing co-investment.

2.5.2 Outcomes from Workshop 2 – 20 August

A large part of this Workshop focussed on the ‘forecasting assumptions’. These assumptions are produced using a risk and level of uncertainty approach. Councillors reviewed the previous assumptions (from the 2018-28 LTP) and suggested changes to these. These, along with demographic and population changes, will also inform the Financial and Infrastructure Strategy. The Government’s three waters reform programme announced by the Government presents a substantial uncertainty.

Councillors also started the review of the Revenue and Financing Policy – this Policy specifies how operating and capital expenditure will be funded from the sources available (i.e. general rates, uniform annual general charge, targeted rates, fees and charges, borrowing etc.). Work will now be done to review the current funding splits across some of the activities that Council carries out.

Early engagement was discussed and it was agreed this would be done using the phrase “Framing Our Future” with the objective being “To achieve greater input from all sectors of community to influence the Long Term Plan consultation to ensure the Rangitikei District Council has an LTP that incorporates the aspirations and needs of our various communities.” **Appendix 2** shows some of the colours and concepts which will be used as part of this engagement.

2.5.3 Workshop 3 – 27 August

This workshop expanded on a suggested outline for the early engagement process, based on the “Framing Our Future” concept that was presented in July.

The Council’s Performance Framework was also discussed, presenting the framework used for the 2018-28 LTP and an explanation of the mandatory measures and whether other measures would be included or altered for the 2021-31 LTP.

As part of the development of the LTP Council must consider whether Policies need to be updated, two policies were discussed at this workshop – these were, the Policy on development of Maori capacity to contribute to Council decision-making (also included as an item on this agenda) and the Significance and Engagement policy. The Development Contributions policy will be discussed at a future workshop.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the memorandum 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update' to the 15 September 2020 Bulls Community Committee meeting be received.

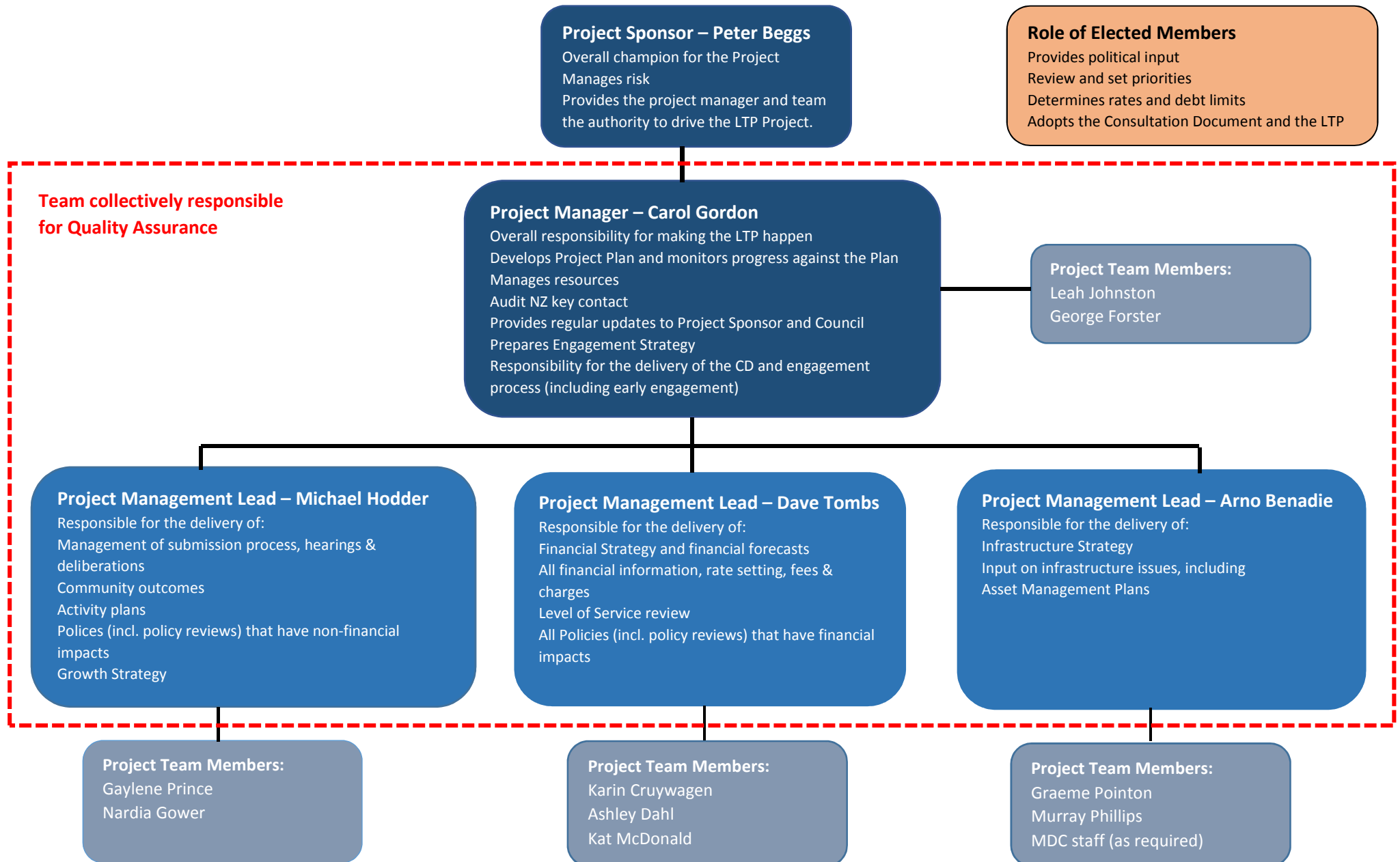
Carol Gordon

LTP Project Manager

Appendix 1

Long Term Plan 2021-31

Project Team Structure, Roles and Responsibilities

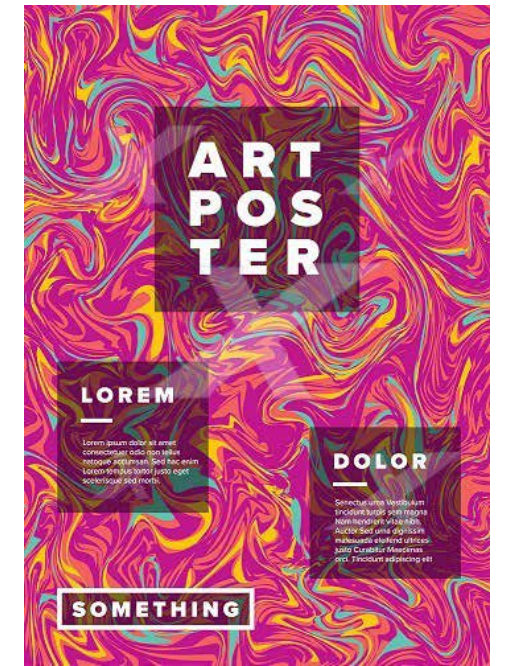


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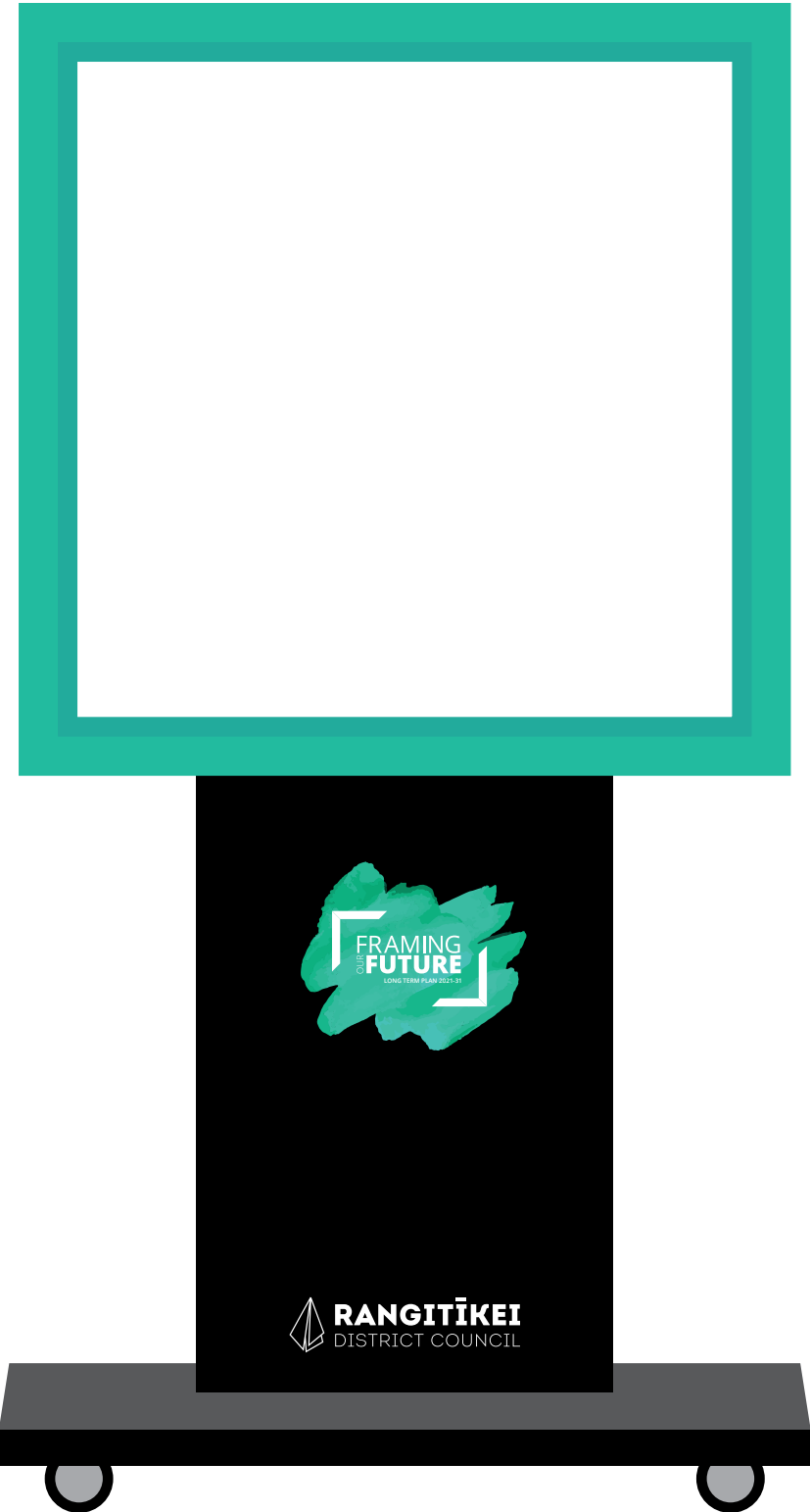


Have your say - we welcome your submission by 5pm Monday 4 May 2015
www.selwyn.govt.nz/towards25









Attachment 3

OHAKEA DEVON CRES PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

MAINTENANCE	YES/NO	COMMENT
Does all the equipment appear complete with no missing parts, eg? Handrails, steps, rungs, planks, footrests	No	Several bits missing due to vandalism. All safe
Are all bolts, screws and fixing devices secure with none missing	No	One coach screw missing on clatter bridge Photo
Is the equipment free from protruding nails or bolts	Yes	
Are all joints and connections tight	Yes	
Are all timber edges free from splinters	Yes	
Is all timber free from decay	No	Generally very old timber with warped retaining timber for bark. Rotting below bark line on posts. Photo
Are the items secure in their concrete footings	Yes	
Are concrete footings below ground level	Yes	
Is there any evidence of corrosion of ground level supports	No	Timber posts only
Are the metal frames and components free from distortion	Yes	
Are the metal items free from corrosion	Yes	Superficial rust only Minor work
Are all metal surfaces smooth	Yes	
Are welded joints secure and free from rust	Yes	As above
Are all shackles and chain links in good condition (less than 10 percent wear)	Yes	
Are shackles, bearings and wire ropes well lubricated and operating smoothly	Yes	
Are guardrails and handrails secure	Yes	
Is the whole playground tidy in appearance (free from long grass, weeds and animal droppings)?	Yes	
Is the grass kept short and footpath edges trimmed	Yes	
Has all the rubbish been removed including broken glass	Yes	Empty

SURFACING		
Are safety surfaces under equipment in good condition	OK	Bark is on top of old matting 180mm has been recently turned
Is safety matting and loose fill materials free from weeds	Yes	
Have loose fill materials been raked to fill hollows and any spilled fill material put back into fall area	Yes	
Are loose materials sufficient depth – bark 300mm	OK	Bark is on top of old matting 180mm
Do all surfaces drain freely – clear drain covers	Yes	
Are all surfaces level and free from trip hazards	Yes	
SLIDES	N/A	No Slide
Is the chute surface free from roughness, splinters and foreign objects		
Are the sides of the chute firmly attached and in good condition (no pinch or crush points)		
Are the steps, rungs, handrails secure and in good condition		
FURTHER COMMENTS		Graffiti Photo
2 timber bench seats	Good	
1 refuse bin	Good	Empty
INSPECTED BY: Ian Watson	DATE	29/07/20

Signed:



Devon St



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Attachment 4

RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE LOGOS

03 SEPTEMBER 2020



LOGO

Portrait




Byline in Te Reo



Landscape



 **BULLS**
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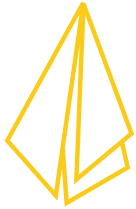
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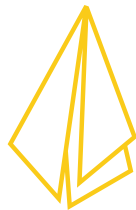
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Attachment 5



Report

Subject: **Mayor's Report**

To: Council

From: Andy Watson
Mayor

Date: 21 August 2020

File: 3-EP-3-5

- 1 What a last fortnight it has been! There have been a series of announcements that have incredibly far reaching effects for our district.
- 2 I have spoken about the “three water” reforms that Government has initiated on several occasions. This is essentially the drive from Government to see waste water, drinking water and storm water being provided by a regional entity rather than individual councils. This would mean that the Council would hand over our assets such as wastewater plants and treatment stations to a conglomerate. Ratepayers would receive a bill in much the same way that you pay for electricity. All Councils are being offered a tempter from Government to start the collective conversation. For our Council that means a cash handout of \$4.8million. This money has very few tags associated with it, we should use it to improve our three water services on work that was not planned for in this year's annual plan and it could even be used for operational expenses. In exchange Council will agree to enter into a discussion with our regional partners and to provide the Government with data around the state and value of our three water networks. There is no compulsion to change our operation in the future. However in July next year we are required to make a decision as to the Rangitikei being into or out of an aggregated model. This is an enormous decision and it has major impacts, we would hand over our assets presumably in exchange for a shareholding in the new company and our share would be so small that we would in reality have very little say in the running of the company. Decisions would probably be made by a board in Wellington. How that board ran the company, which regional supplies were upgraded first and what the charges would be, would be out of our hands. Presumably the company would need to make a profit and make decisions around paying out any dividends. The difficulty is, that there is virtually no information on how it will work at this stage. As we are developing our LTP (long term plan) at the moment covering the next ten years, but focussing on the next three years heavily, we don't have the information to provide for detailed planning or to provide options for our communities to consider as part of the consultation process. If those core services were taken away from councils what would councils be expected to provide in the future, essentially what would be their role?
- 3 So why has the Government gone down this path? The conversation has been around for a number of years but was ramped up post the Havelock North water issue where potable water from a ground bore got contaminated and people fell ill in the hundreds. Government realized that this had been under investment by local authorities for many years and that there are many Councils who did not meet consents. This is true and our council is one of them. Essentially local authorities have been poor managers and had little knowledge of their assets. The liability or money needed to upgrade, runs into the tens of billions of dollars on a national basis and on a

council per capita basis rural authorities like ours face the biggest costs. Government believes that efficiencies would be gained by scale and that the large metro councils would be able to subsidise the smaller authorities. This is debateable, for it can be argued that we have seen little financial efficiency out of previous attempts to aggregate council functions both here in New Zealand and overseas. Local Government would probably also say that while there has been years of under investment, considerable gains have been made over the last few years against new standards imposed by both Government and Regional Authorities such as Horizons.

- 4 This is just the start of the conversation!!
- 5 Last week Government granted our Council \$9.1million, I repeat \$9.1million to fund the rail infrastructure and forestry development, dependant on resource consent in an area between Marton and State Highway One. We have seen the huge investment nationally by Government around the country. Our neighbouring councils have received tens of millions and finally on the last sitting day that Government had, it was our turn. This grant, which is not a loan, has taken literally years to win and I thank our new Chief Executive Peter Beggs for his part in making this happen. I would also like to thank the Government for recognizing the potential and the jobs that this will bring to our district. I would also like to thank and recognize Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa as a partner in the process.
- 6 Last week the Commissioner deciding the district plan application by Council released his decision in Councils favour to approve, subject to conditions, the plan change which will allow for the rail hub development. Again this has been a very lengthy process compounded by the pandemic and uncertainty as to exactly what the site could be used for in the future. We have a responsibility to work with the submitters around their concerns as part of the consenting process, we should not see this as purely a need to comply.
- 7 Once again the country is in some form of lockdown as the pandemic resurfaces in New Zealand. The regional authorities are stretched in dealing with this and our businesses continue to suffer. We have been fortunate that so far this year we have not had to deal with another type of major civil defence issue such as a flood because we would struggle to find the resources to deal with it.
- 8 Council has started work on our long Term Plan which will involve many discussions with sector groups and the community. One of the things we start with are the assumptions around what will be our population in the future and what will be the economic climate be over the next few years. The future for us looks strong we are undergoing rapid growth with hundreds of new houses, businesses are wanting to operate here and at a time where we need to borrow to invest, interest rates are at an all time low.

Andy Watson
Mayor

Attachment 6

Memorandum

To: Bulls Community Committee

From: Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor for Youth

Date: 31 August 2020

Subject: **Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020**

File: 4-EN-12-1

Yes Programme (Youth Employment Success)

Youth Employment Success (YES) is an online platform that launched in 2016 partnering with a variety of industries to offer free employment-based opportunities to 16-24-year-olds.

Since 2016, YES has seen 112 businesses across the country offering their time, close to 1,500 opportunity requests and nearly 20,000 unique visitors to their website across the country. The Whanganui/Rangitikei district platform was launched at the beginning of June, with 80 businesses so far on-board offering opportunities for our youth.

Council, along with 100% Sweet, are engaging with local businesses to offer the same opportunities to youth to connect to local businesses in a real world way. It involves a professional short video clip of business and their staff, talking about what the job entails and how the business and industry is a great career path option. Further the business can choose from a selection of real world help they can offer an interested youth. Such options include a coffee catch up, business walk through, CV review, desk shadow, internship and lots more. Each business decides what, from the offers, they can genuinely deliver.

100% Sweet further works with youth to help them successfully complete a work ready passport which covers a range of skills from the importance of turning up on time to begin drug free, first aid and basic health and safety.

<https://youthemployer.nz/>

Mahi Tahi

Mahi Tahi is the Rangitikei Employment Programme delivered through partnership with Rangitikei District Council, Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and their Te Puna - Education, Training and Employability branch, Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). The programme is delivered district wide for both jobseekers and businesses looking for staff. The primary focus is for youth under 25 OR anyone who has lost their job due to COVID-19.

Funding is used in a bespoke manner and has a focus on working with individuals to make them job ready through upskilling, training, micro credentials and holistic wellbeing. Further Mahi Tahi can support businesses with support packages, onsite buddy training options, and more. Mahi

Tahi is committed to working with local employers and jobseekers to provide effective solutions and success for all.

<https://www.facebook.com/Mahi-Tahi-Rangit%C4%ABkei-Employment-Programme102880514799866/>

Youth Council

Youth Council finally attend their postponed training day and inaugural meeting. This Took place the 4th of July in Marton Chambers. Youth Council elected a chairperson, deputy chair set their vision for the remainder of the year, and implemented strategy on how to deliver their vision to their community.

Members of Youth Council, along with other youth in the district, attended Festival for the Future 2020 (FFTF). This festival is usually held in Wellington over a weekend, however due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, the event was moved to a digital platform. Although attendees were encouraged by FFTF to attend in the comfort of their own environment, Youth Council agreed they would gain more benefit from attending as a group, being able to bounce ideas and concepts off each other, with the Strategic Advisor for Youth creating a mini-festival atmosphere. Therefore this was held at Rangitikei College, 13 – 17 July in conjunction with the digital event. 8 Youths attended the week-long event, enjoying the atmospheric activities and social interactions with each other, with mixed reviews of the digital content. <https://www.festivalforthefuture.co/>

John Turkington Forestry Youth Awards 2020

The 2020 Youth Awards has been postponed twice, due to COVID-19, forcing us to think outside the box to ensure the awards can still take place. The event was set to take place on the 27th August.

Finalists were announced via Facebook and Instagram 30th August 2020. The Youth Council made the decision to hit the road and take the Youth Awards to the community, rather than planning yet another event that may not eventuate. This will take place September 7th, moving from Taihape, Marton, Bulls and Feilding, with winners, runners up and nominees being publically recognised through social media and newspaper outlets.

Lobby's

The Lobby Taihape has remained open during August and through COVID-19 Alert level 2. It is run through MOU with Mokai Patea Services, 3-5pm each day.

The Marton Lobby employed a new youth assistant to supervise the Lobby, 3-5pm each day, however was unable to be open due to social distancing space restrictions during August. Re-opening will take place once we return to level one guidelines.

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020' to the 15 September 2020 Bulls Community Committee be received.

Kelly Widdowson
Youth Development Advisor

Attachment 7

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bulls Community Committee

FROM: Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

DATE: 1 September 2020

SUBJECT: **Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – September 2020**

FILE: 3-CC-1-1

1 Allocation

- 1.1 The amount of the 2019/20 Small Projects Grant Scheme for Bulls Ward is \$1,254.
- 1.2 The allocation of the Small Projects Grant Scheme is for the period 1 July to 30 June each year. At its meeting on 29 February 2016, Council resolved to allow carry-forward from one financial year to the next of up to 100% of the annual allocation for any Committee's Small Projects Grant Fund, with the proviso that this be a specific resolution of the Committee.
- 1.3 At its meeting 25 June 2020, Council resolved to carry-forward the full amount of unspent funds from the 2019/20 year of \$1,047.90 to the 2020/21 year due to COVID-19 and the inability of the Committee to hold meetings and make their own carry forward recommendations.
- 1.4 This gives a total allocation for the 2020/21 year of \$2301.90.

2 Breakdown

- 2.1 For the 2020/21 year the following amount has been used by the Committee:
 - \$200, Steve Leurink from Design Addiction for the design and production of artwork generated for the Bulls Town Signage.

3 Remaining Budget

- 3.1 This leaves a remaining budget for the 2020/21 financial year of \$2101.90.

4 Recommendation:

- 4.1 That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – September 2020' to the 15 September 2020 Bulls Community Committee be received.

Bonnie Clayton,
Governance Administrator