

ORDER PAPER

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 11 September 2025
Time: 1.00pm
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: Cr Fi Dalgety

Deputy Chair: Cr Jeff Wong

Membership: Cr Brian Carter
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Paul Sharland
Cr Gill Duncan
HWTM Andy Watson

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Notice is hereby given that a Community Grants Committee Meeting of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitikei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Thursday, 11 September 2025 at 1.00pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

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, [enter item number](#) be dealt as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Community Grants Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2025** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Community Grants Committee Meeting - 15 April 2025**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Community Grants Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2025 [**as amended/without amendment**] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

MINUTES



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Making this place home.

UNCONFIRMED: COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 15 April 2025
Time: 9.30am
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Paul Sharland
HWTM Andy Watson (Zoom)

In attendance

Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Ms Kym Skerman, Manager – Events and Venues
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Chair opened the meeting and read the Council prayer at 9.30am.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Reports for Decision

6.1 Community Initiatives Fund - Consideration of Applications for Round Two 2024/25

Brain Injury Association Whanganui

The Committee noted that they are active in the district and therefore were supportive of this initiative.

Forest and Bird Inc, Rangitikei Branch

It was noted that this is the second application in the financial year but that this is a separate project and therefore will consider this as separate.

It was noted that the sponsorship is conditional on Councils logo being included on the signage.

Rangitikei MMA

It was noted that there were concerns that they applied for the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund and that this application did not fit and that they should have made their application fit the Community Initiatives Fund.

The Committee acknowledged the work that the group has completed in the community.

Resolved minute number 25/CGC/001

That the report 'Community Initiatives Fund – Consideration of Applications for Round Two of 2024/25' be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/CGC/002

That the Community Grants Committee approve the sponsorship of projects listed below, and disperse the Community Initiatives Fund as outlined to successful applicants:

- Whanganui Area Neighbourhood Support Groups - \$840
- Brain Injury Association Whanganui - \$2,050
- Marton Food Pantry - \$1000
- Bulls Toy Library - \$2,150
- Forest and Bird Inc, Rangitikei Branch - \$1,250 (conditional on logo on sign)
- Taihape Community Development Trust - \$1300
- Rangitikei MMA - \$1750

Totalling: \$10,340

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

6.2 Events Support Scheme - Consideration of Applications for Round Two for 2024/25Taihape Netball Centre

The dates for this event were before the funding application and therefore this application has been withdrawn.

Remaining Funds

The remaining funds will come to Council as part of the end of financial year carry forward report.

Resolved minute number 25/CGC/003

That the report 'Event Support Scheme – Consideration of Applications for Round Two of 2024/25' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/CGC/004

That the Community Grants Committee approve the sponsorship of events listed below, and disperse the events Support Scheme funds as outlined to successful applicants:

- Bulls and District Community Trust – \$3300
- Gumboots Brass and Wind Ensemble - \$748

Totalling \$4,048

Cr J Wong/Cr B Carter. Carried

ITEM 6.1

ATTACHMENT 1

7.3 Community Initiatives Fund - Project Report Forms

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/CGC/005

That the Community Initiatives Fund – Project Report Forms to be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Duncan. Carried

7.4 Events Support Scheme - Project Report Forms

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/CGC/006

That the Event Support Scheme – Project Report Form be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

The meeting closed at 10.31am

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Community Grants Committee held on .

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Chairperson

7 Reports for Decision

7.1 Community Initiatives Fund - Consideration of Applications for Round One 2025/26

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The allocation for the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) 2025/26 is \$30,000.
- 1.2 A total of **\$26,252** has been requested in Round One

2. Context

- 2.1 Round 1 – 2025/26
- 2.2 Twelve applications have been received for Round One for the Community Initiatives Fund. One application was declined during the pre-assessment by staff.
- 2.3 The applications have been individually assessed by the Community Grants Committee in SmartyGrants

Applicant	Amount Requested
Scotts Ferry Community Committee	\$2,500
Marton Returned Services Association (Incorporated)	\$1,918
Alzheimer's Whanganui	\$3,000
Scout Association of New Zealand	\$2,328
The Parkinson's New Zealand Charitable trust	\$2,500
Itty bitty kitty committee	\$1,555
Cancer Society of NZ Whanganui Rangitikei Waimarino Centre Inc	\$2,500
Taihape Art Club (Society)	\$2,451
Manawatu Multiple Sclerosis Society Incorporated	\$2,500
Marton & Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust Board	\$2,500
Marton & District Historical Society Incorporated	\$2,500
	\$26,252

3. Report Forms

- 3.1 It is a condition of the Community Initiatives Fund that Project Report Forms (for any previous projects that received funding) are returned before further funding can be sought. All applicants have completed these. f
- 3.2 Attached, under separate cover, are eight completed Project Report Forms from previous rounds of funding for the Community Initiatives Fund.
 - 3.2.1 Scotts Ferry Community Committee
 - 3.2.2 Marton and District Budget Service Inc
 - 3.2.3 Marton & Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust
 - 3.2.4 Alzheimers Whanganui Incorporated
 - 3.2.5 House of Science NZ Charitable Trust
 - 3.2.6 Marton and District Historical Society
 - 3.2.7 Marton and Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust
 - 3.2.8 Marton Community Garden

4. Discussion and Options Considered

- 4.1 The reason for this report is to provide the distribution of the funds for the Community Initiatives Funds by the Community Grants Committee which will be undertaken at the meeting.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The distribution of the Community Initiatives Fund is a budgeted expense.

6. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 6.1 There are no impacts on Council's strategic risks.

7. Strategic Alignment

- 7.1 The Community Initiatives Fund supports the environmental, social, economic, and cultural outcomes as these grants support organisations and groups to continue or start new initiatives in the district.

8. Mana Whenua Implications

- 8.1 Mana whenua implications will be considered where relevant in the assessment of funding applications.

9. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 9.1 There are no climate change impacts associated with this report.

10. Statutory Implications

- 10.1 There are no statutory implications associated with this report.

11. Decision Making Process

- 11.1 The decision is considered to have low significance.

Attachments:

1. **Community Initiatives Fund - Project Report Forms (under separate cover)**

Recommendation 1

That the report Community Initiatives Fund – Consideration of Applications for Round One of 2025/26 be received.

Recommendation 2

That the Community Grants Committee approve the sponsorship of projects listed below, and disperse the Community Initiatives Fund as outlined to successful applicants:

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Recommendation 3

That the Community Initiatives Fund – Project Report Forms to be received.

7.2 Event Support Scheme - Consideration of Applications for Round One for 2025/26**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor**Authoriser:** Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 The allocation for the Event Support Scheme (ESS) 2025/26 is \$25,000.
- 1.2 A total of **\$46,640.40** has been requested in Round One. This exceeds the total amount available.

2. Round 1 – 2025/26

- 2.1 Ten applications have been received for Round One and have been individually assessed by the Community Grants Committee in SmartyGrants.

Applicant	Amount Requested
Hunternville Huntaway Festival	\$4,000
Hunternville Squash Racquets Club Inc	\$1,767.85
Bulls & District Community Trust	\$10,080
Rangitikei Farmstay Ltd	\$10,232.55
Marton Country Music Festival	\$2,500
Marton Arts & Crafts Centre	\$4,628.75
Opaea Marae	\$2,250
Rangitikei Shearing Sports Inc	\$5,600
Taihapa Dressage	\$1,581.25
Taihapa Area Show Jumping	\$4,000
	\$46,640.40

3. Report Forms

- 3.1 It is a condition of the Events Support Scheme that Project Report Forms (for any previous events that received funding) are returned before further funding can be sought. All applicants have completed these.
- 3.2 Attached, under separate cover, are seven completed Project Report Forms from previous rounds of funding for the Event Support Scheme.
 - 3.2.1 Bulls & District Community Trust
 - 3.2.2 Hunternville Huntaway Festival
 - 3.2.3 Marton County Music Festival
 - 3.2.4 Rangitikei Shearing Sports Inc
 - 3.2.5 Taihapa Area Dressage Group
 - 3.2.6 Rangitikei Farmstay Ltd

3.2.7 Turakina Caledonia Society Inc

4. Discussion and Options Considered

- 4.1 The reason for this report is to provide the distribution of the funds for the Event Support Scheme by the Community Grants Committee which will be undertaken at the meeting. The Committee has the options of granting or declining funding.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The distribution of the Event Support Scheme is a budgeted expense.

6. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 6.1 There are no impacts on Council's strategic risks.

7. Strategic Alignment

- 7.1 The Event Support Scheme supports the environmental, social, economic, and cultural outcomes as these grants support organisations and groups to continue or start new events in the district.

8. Mana Whenua Implications

- 8.1 Mana whenua implications will be considered where relevant in the assessment of funding applications

9. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 9.1 There are no climate change impacts associated with this report.

10. Statutory Implications

- 10.1 There are no statutory implications associated with this report.

11. Decision Making Process

- 11.1 The decision is considered to have low significance.

Attachments:

1. **Event Support Scheme - Project Report Forms (under separate cover)**

Recommendation 1

That the report Event Support Scheme – Consideration of Applications for Round One of 2025/26 be received.

Recommendation 2

That the Community Grants Committee approve the sponsorship of events listed below, and disperse the Events Support Scheme funds as outlined to successful applicants:

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Recommendation 3

That the Event Support Scheme – Project Report Forms be received.

8 Meeting Closed.