

MINUTES

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 11 September 2025

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

Cr Brian Carter
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Paul Sharland
Cr Simon Loudon
HWTM Andy Watson

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 at 1.00pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **25/CGC/007**

That the apologies from Cr Duncan be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Wong. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Sharland declared a conflict of interest with Alzheimer's Whanganui Incorporated.

The Mayor declared a conflict interest with the Marton & District Historical Society Incorporated.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **25/CGC/008**

That the minutes of Community Grants Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2025 **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.

HWTM A Watson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

7 Reports for Decision

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

The Committee decided to use the median amount recommended from assessors rather than an average of the assessor recommendations. In the past assessors have been able to influence figures by changing their amounts higher or lower.

Scotts Ferry Community Committee

Officers acknowledged that the application differs from the original. These changes have arisen as a result of the time taken to assess the application. Their new application is for native planting as a community.

Alzheimer's Whanganui

Cr Sharland declared a conflict of interest with this item.

Marton & District Historical Society Incorporated

The Mayor declared a conflict of interest with this item.

Resolved minute number 25/CGC/009

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/CGC/010

That the Community Grants Committee to use a median amount from assessors rather than the average.

Cr J Wong/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/CGC/011

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

- Scotts Ferry Community Committee - \$1,000
- Marton Returned Services Association (Incorporated) - \$1,000
- Alzheimer's Whanganui- \$1,500
- Scout Association of New Zealand-\$1,000
- The Parkinson's New Zealand Charitable trust - \$1000
- Itty bitty kitty committee - \$500
- Cancer Society of NZ Whanganui Rangitikei Waimarino Centre Inc - \$2000
- Taihape Art Club (Society) - \$2,000
- Manawatu Multiple Sclerosis Society Incorporated - \$1,500
- Marton & Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust Board - \$2,500

- Marton & District Historical Society Incorporated - \$2,250

Totalling - \$16,250.00

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/CGC/012

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

HWTM A Watson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

7.2 Event Support Scheme - Consideration of Applications for Round One for 2025/26

Officers advised that the Rangitikei Farmstay Ltd application was withdrawn.

Bulls & District Community Trust – Christmas Parade

The committee greatly supported the change of venue and the cost saving associated with using the Bulls Domain instead of the road.

Marton Country Music Festival

The Committee noted that there are some days that they have the park booked to set up and pack down, but they are only active for three days and questioned the charges for all those days. Officers undertook to consider this noting this was a separate issue from the grant applications.

Resolved minute number 25/CGC/013

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/CGC/014

That the Community Grants Committee to use a median amount from assessors for the Event Support Scheme.

Cr J Wong/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/CGC/015

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

- Hunterville Huntaway Festival - \$2000
- Hunterville Squash Racquets Club Inc - \$1200
- Bulls & District Community Trust - \$4,500
- Marton Country Music Festival - \$2,000
- Marton Arts & Crafts Centre - \$1,000
- Opaea Marae - \$1,000
- Rangitikei Shearing Sports Inc - \$1500

- Taihape Dressage -\$1,000
- Taihape Area Show Jumping -\$3,000

Totalling – \$17,200

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/CGC/016

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

The meeting closed at 2.37pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed by signature of the Chair on 24 September 2026.


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Chairperson