

ORDER PAPER

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 24 September 2026

Time: Following Finance/Performance Committee Meeting

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: Cr Fi Dalgety

Membership: HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Paul Sharland

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Notice is hereby given that a Community Grants Committee Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Thursday, 24 September 2026 at Following Finance/Performance Committee Meeting.

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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: Petra Fleming, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Community Grants Committee Meeting held on 29 April 2026** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Community Grants Committee Meeting - 29 April 2026**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Community Grants Committee Meeting held on 29 April 2026 [**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: Wednesday, 29 April 2026

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Paul Sharland
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance Cr Alan Buckendahl
Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
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

Cr Dalgety opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Sharland declared a conflict of interest with the Bulls Rugby Football Club application.

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 2025/26

The Committee confirmed using a median recommendation from the assessors.

Friends of Taihape Charitable Society

The Committee acknowledged the large sum of funding requested by the group but also acknowledged the work that the group has completed and the fantastic community asset.

Bulls & District Community Trust

Officers confirmed that this matter is not currently included within the Memorandum of Understanding with the Trust. The Committee noted that it could be considered during the next review.

Resolved minute number 26/CGC/001

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/CGC/002

That the Community Grants Committee consider the median value from the assessments be used as the base point for consideration of funding.

Cr J Wong/HWTM A Watson. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/CGC/003

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

- Friends of Taihape Charitable Society - \$10,000
- Brain Injury Association Whanganui - \$ 2,250
- People First New Zealand Inc - \$1,000
- Taihape Neighbourhood Support - \$2,250
- Bulls & District Community Trust - Bulls Hip Hop \$ 2,000
- Rangitikei Forest and Bird - \$989.30
- St Margarets Mobile Art Expo - \$1,000
- Bulls Toy Library - \$1,920
- Gumboots Brass and Wind Ensemble - \$1,297
- Sport Whanganui - \$1,934
- Taihape & District Museum & Historical Society - \$ 700

Funds totalling \$25,340.30

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/CGC/004

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

HWTM A Watson/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/CGC/005

That the Community Grants Committee does recommend to Council that the remaining funds totalling \$3,717.70 from the Community Initiatives Fund 2025/26 be carried forward to 2026/27.

Cr F Dalgety/HWTM A Watson. Carried

6.2 Event Support Scheme - Consideration of Applications for Round Two for 2025/26

The Committee queried the reason for small numbers of applicants. Officers noted that events are held at the end of the year more commonly and this has been the trend for a number of years.

Bulls Rugby Football Club

The Committee decided to retrospectively fund this event and acknowledged this was a one off event.

Resolved minute number 26/CGC/006

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/CGC/007

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 & District Community Trust - Wear-a-Bull Arts - \$3,000
- Bulls Junior Rugby Club - \$3,000
- Rangitikei Netball - \$2,000

And retrospectively provide funds to Bulls Rugby Football Club \$5,000

Funds totalling \$13,000

Cr F Dalgety/HWTM A Watson. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/CGC/008

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/CGC/009

That the Community Grants Committee does recommend to Council that the remaining funds totalling \$1,620 from the Event Support Scheme 2025/26 be carried forward into 2026/27.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Wong. Carried

The meeting closed at 2.17pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Community Grants Committee held on 24 September 2026 .

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Chairperson

7 Reports for Decision

7.1 Event Support Scheme - Consideration of Applications for Round One for 2026/27

Author: Petra Fleming, Governance Advisor

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

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The total allocation for the Event Support Scheme for 2026/27 is \$25,000. Council approved the carry-forward of unspent funds from 2025/26, with the combined carry forward amount and remaining balance from round one totalling \$26,620.
- 1.2 The total amount requested for Round One for 2026/27 is \$28,775, which exceeds the balance available.

2. Context

Round One – 2026/27

- 2.1 Eight applications have been received for Round One for the Event Support Scheme. One application was declined during the pre-assessment by staff as the applicant was unable to meet the following eligibility criteria for the Event Support Scheme:

‘Funding cannot be applied for or granted retrospectively’.

One further application was declined during the pre-assessment by staff as the applicant was unable to meet the following eligibility criteria for the Event Support Scheme:

‘If the post-event report is not submitted by the deadline the applicant will not be eligible for event funding the following or subsequent years’.

- 2.2 The applications have been individually assessed by the Community Grants Committee in SmartyGrants:

Organisation	Amount Requested
Bulls and District Community Trust	\$8,700
Huntermville Huntaway Festival	\$6,000
Mangaweka School	\$3,000
Marton Country Music Festival	\$4,575
Rangitikei Shearing Sports Incorporated	\$5,000
Tūtaenui Stream Restoration Society	\$1,500
Total Amount Requested	\$28,775

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 eligible applicants have completed these.
- 3.2 Attached, under separate cover, are five completed Project Report Forms from previous rounds of funding for the Event Support Scheme:
 - 3.2.1 Bulls and District Community Trust
 - 3.2.2 Hunterville Huntaway Festival
 - 3.2.3 Marton Country Music Festival
 - 3.2.4 Rangitikei Shearing Sports Incorporated
 - 3.2.5 Bulls Rugby Football Club

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 option to fund, part fund, or decline funding for any of the applications

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 Community Initiatives Fund supports the environmental, social, economic, and cultural community outcomes as these grants support organisations and groups to continue or start new initiatives in the Rangitikei District. It also supports Council's strategic priority of working collaboratively to improve community wellbeing.

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 decisions on which applications to fund is considered to have low significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

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 2026/27 be received.

Recommendation 2

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

Recommendation 3

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

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7.2 Community Initiatives Fund - Consideration of Applications for Round One 2026/27**Author:** Petra Fleming, Governance Advisor**Authoriser:** Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy**1. Reason for Report**

1.1 The total allocation for the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) for 2026/27 is \$30,000. Council approved carrying forward unspent funds from 2025/26, with the combined carry-forward amount and remaining balance from round one totalling \$33,717.70.

1.2 A total of \$19,199 has been requested in Round One.

2. ContextRound One – 2026/27

2.1 Ten applications have been received for Round One for the Community Initiatives Fund. Two applications were declined during the pre-assessment by staff as the applicants were unable to meet the following eligibility criteria for the Community Initiatives Fund:

‘Must have returned a completed project report for previous funding’.

2.2 The applications have been individually assessed by the Community Grants Committee in SmartyGrants:

Applicant	Amount Requested
Bulls & District Friendship Club	\$3,000
Bulls and District Community Trust	\$1,699
Marton & District Historical Society	\$2,500
Marton & Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust	\$2,500
Parkinson's New Zealand	\$2,000
Te Kai Whaka Ora - Marton Youth Trust	\$2,500
Whangaehu Hall Trust	\$2,500
Whatever Youth Services Trust Whanganui	\$2,500
Total Amount Requested	\$19,199

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 eligible applicants have completed these.
- 3.2 Attached, under separate cover, are four completed Project Report Forms from previous rounds of funding for the Community Initiatives Fund.
 - 3.2.1 Bulls & District Community Trust
 - 3.2.2 Marton & District Historical Society Incorporated
 - 3.2.3 Marton & Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust Board

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. The Committee has the option to fund, part fund, or decline funding for any of the applications.

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 community outcomes as these grants support organisations and groups to continue or start new initiatives in the Rangitikei District. It also supports Council's strategic priority of working collaboratively to improve community wellbeing.

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

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Attachments:

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

ITEM 7.2**Recommendation 1**

That the report Community Initiatives Fund - Consideration of Applications for Round One 2026/27 be received.

Recommendation 2

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

Recommendation 3

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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8 Meeting Closed.