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Council Meeting Order Paper

**Thursday, 26 March 2015,
1.00 pm**

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His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Deputy Chair

Cr Dean McManaway

Membership

Councillors Cath Ash, Richard Aslett, Nigel Belsham, Angus Gordon, Tim Harris,
Mike Jones, Rebecca McNeil, Soraya Peke-Mason,
Ruth Rainey, Lynne Sheridan

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1 Welcome

2 Public forum

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

4 Members' 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

Recommendation

That the Minutes and Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 February 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Adoption of "What's the Plan Rangitikei" as the Consultation Document for the 2015/25 Long Term Plan

Council's auditors will be in attendance for this item

File 1-LTP15-9-

The Chief Executive will provide a PowerPoint presentation to the meeting

The proposed final text of "What's the Plan Rangitikei" will be provided to Elected Members on 23 March 2015. The proposed document intended for public distribution will be provided electronically on 25 March 2015 and tabled at the meeting.

The full draft Long Term Plan will also be provided electronically on 25 March 2015 and tabled at the meeting.

Recommendations

1. That the memorandum and Chief Executive's presentation on "What's the Plan Rangitikei" be received.
2. That Council resolves to adopt the following information in terms of section 93G of the Local Government Act 2002 as being information which:
 - a. is relied on by the content of the consultation document adopted under section 93A; and
 - b. is necessary to enable the Auditor-General to give the reports required by the Auditor-General to give the reports required by sections 93C(4) and 93D(4); and
 - c. provides the basis for the preparation of the long-term plan:
 - the draft 2015/25 Long Term Plan;
 - the asset management plans for
 - roading and footpaths
 - the three waters
 - community and leisure assets;
 - the draft town centre plans for Bulls, Marton and Taihape;
 - the concept plan and feasibility report for the proposed Bulls community/civic centre;
 - the reports compiled during the Strategic Water Resources Project;
 - the economic development strategy; and
 - the strategic study of Rangitikei aquatic facilities.
3. That Council resolves to carry-forward into 2015/16 the following budget provisions made in 2014/15:
 - Bulls wastewater treatment plant upgrade:
 - Marton wastewater treatment plant upgrade
4. That Council resolves that for the Rangitikei 2015/25 Long Term Plan it is financially prudent to set projected operating expenses at a different level than that required by section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 2002 having had regard to the four factors specified in section 100(2) of that Act.
5. That Council resolves to adopt "What's the Plan Rangitikei" as the consultation document for the 2015/25 long-term plan in terms of sections 93A to 93G of the Local Government Act 2002, to add in a report from the Auditor-General as specified in section 93C(4), and to give effect to the timetable for receiving and hearing submissions.

8 Adoption of associated documents for simultaneous consultation with “What’s the Plan Rangitikei”

File: 3-PY-1

To be circulated electronically and tabled at the meeting.

Recommendations

1. That the memorandum ‘Adoption of associated documents for simultaneous consultation with “What’s the Plan Rangitikei” be received.
2. That Council adopts for consultation (using the special consultative procedure) simultaneously with “What’s the Plan Rangitikei” the following associated documents:
 - a. Proposed revenue and financing policy,
 - b. Proposed policy on development contributions, and
 - c. Proposed Schedule of fees and charges for 2015/16.

9 Mayor’s report

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

File ref: 3-EP-3-5

Recommendation

That the Mayor’s report to Council’s meeting on 26 March 2015 be received.

10 Administrative matters – March 2015

A report is attached. Appendices 6, 7 and 8 will be circulated electronically and tabled at the meeting.

File ref: 5-EX-4

Recommendations

- 1 That the report ‘Administrative matters – March 2015’ be received.
- 2 That Council endorses the proposed ‘As-of-right town centre place-making’ and its protocol for use of the footpath area and, for clarity, dispenses with any of the provisions in the Public Places Bylaw 2013 which conflict with this initiative over using footpaths in Bulls, Marton, Hunterville and Taihape.
- 3 That Council continues the existing method of weed control on Council land and formally establishes a ‘no spray’ list and promotes its availability.

- 4 That Council, with respect to the application from Lodge Rangitikei No. 38,
- EITHER
- approves a waiver of the full building warrant of fitness fee of \$77.00.
- OR
- approves a reduction of the building warrant of fitness fee to \$.....
- OR
- declines to make a waiver or reduction of the building warrant of fitness fee.
- 5 That objections to the proposed partial road closure for High Street (SH1) in Bulls on Saturday 18 April 2015, from 11.000 am to 2.00 pm, for the opening of the Mounted Rifles Display in the Bulls Museum that day are considered and determined by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive.
- 6 That Council confirms/amends in a further public notice, as required by the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, the publicly notified intention to close
- part of High Street (SH1) in Bulls on Saturday 18 April 2015, from 11.000 am to 2.00 pm, for the opening of the Mounted Rifles Display in the Bulls Museum;
 - part of High Street (SH1), part of Criterion Street and part of Daniell Street in Bulls on Saturday 25 April 2015, from 4.45 am to 7.15 am, for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Parades by the Bulls RSA and Marton RSA; and
 - part of Hautapu Street (SH1), part of Huia Street, and part of Kokako Street, Taihape part of Papakai Road from 4.45 am to 7.15 am, for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Parades by the Taihape RSA.
- 7 That, having regard to the requirement in section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002 to review delivery of services, Council confirms:
- a) that the processes which commenced in 2014 to review the shared services arrangement with Manawatu District Council for the delivery of infrastructure services meet the intent of section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002 and that it would not be cost-effective to address all the options specified in section 17A(4);
 - b) that, if the outcome of the review is that Manawatu District Council or another entity is responsible for delivery of infrastructure services for the Rangitikei District Council, the final contract or agreement will comply with the requirements in section 17A(5); and
 - c) that it is satisfied (in terms of section 17A(4(b))) that undertaking a review for the delivery of roading management and maintenance services (as distinct

from reviewing the contract and seeking tenders for that during 2015) does not justify the costs of undertaking such a review.

- 8 That Council authorises the Mayor to sign the submission on the proposed regulations to be made under the Food Act 2014 and to send it to the Ministry for Primary Industries.
- 9 That Council authorises the Mayor to sign the submission [without amended/as amended] on the draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan and to send it to Horizons Regional Council, asking for an opportunity to speak to that Council's Land Transport Committee about the Council's views.
- 10 That Council authorises the Mayor to sign the submission [without amendment/as amended] on the discussion paper on funding sources for local government and to send it to Local Government New Zealand

11 Future Management of Parks and Town Maintenance

File: 6-RF-1-1

A report will be circulated electronically and tabled at the meeting.

Recommendations

- 1 That the report Future Management of Parks and Town Maintenance be received.
- 2 That

12 Receipt of committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Recommendations

- 1 That the minutes of the following meetings be received:
 - Finance/Performance Committee, 26 February 2015
 - Bulls Community Committee, 10 March 2015 *to be tabled*
 - Marton Community Committee, 11 March 2015 *to be tabled*
 - Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 12 March 2015
 - Policy/Planning Committee, 12 March 2015
- 2 That the following recommendations from the Finance/Performance Committee dated 26 February 2015 be confirmed:

~~15/PPL/017~~

~~That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the current policy on development contributions continue unchanged and that consultation occur simultaneously with the Consultation Document for the 2015/25 Long Term Plan~~

Noted in Item 8

13 Future items for the agenda

14 Public excluded

Recommendation

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Item 1: Proposed Bulls Community Centre

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing of this resolution
Item 1 Proposed Bulls Community Centre	Briefing contains information which it is necessary to withhold to enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) <i>Section 7(2)(i)</i>	Section 48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

15 Next meeting

Thursday 30 April 2015, 1.00 pm

16 Meeting closed

Attachment 1

Rangitikei District Council

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Present: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Dean McManaway
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Tim Harris
Cr Rebecca McNeil
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Lynne Sheridan

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Ms Joanna Saywell, Asset Manager – Utilities
Mr Mike Fletcher, Project Engineer – Utilities
Mr David Rei Miller, Asset Engineer - Utilities
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst
Ms Ceinwyn Bannister, Policy Analyst (Wanganui District Council)
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

Tabled documents:

Item 8	Administrative Matters – February 2015: additional information on the proposed pedestrian crossing for Broadway, Marton)
Item 12	Electricity Contract Renewal: further information comparing the current contract rates with those available on a new one-year and two-year contract.
Item 20	Marton Community Committee – minutes 11 February 2015

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public forum

Charissa Christie, Bronwyn Robb and Bridget King, from the Mangaweka Play Centre, spoke to Council on the fundraising efforts undertaken to finance a new building for the Mangaweka Play Centre.

Over the past three years, between 15 and 20 children had attended. The closest similar facilities were in Taihape and Hunterville. No mobile kindergarten now operated.

The total project would cost about \$270,000.

8 Administrative matters – February 2015

Mr McNeil spoke to the item within the Administrative Matters report on the Mangaweka Play Centre.

Motion

That Council, with respect to the application from the Mangaweka Play Centre for a remission of building consent fees for the rebuild at 4 Broadway, Mangaweka, approves a remission of \$3,420.00.

Cr McManaway / Cr Aslett

Amendment

That Council, with respect to the application from the Mangaweka Play Centre for a remission of building consent fees for the rebuild at 4 Broadway, Mangaweka, approves a remission of \$2,500.00

Cr Rainey / Cr Peke-Mason. Lost

Resolved minute number

15/RDC/025

File Ref

That Council, with respect to the application from the Mangaweka Play Centre for a remission of building consent fees for the rebuild at 4 Broadway, Mangaweka, approves a remission of \$3,420.00.

Cr McManaway / Cr Aslett. Carried

Cr Peke-Mason voted against

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting, 1.25 pm
Cr McManaway assumed the Chair

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apology for absence from Cr Jones be received.

Cr Harris / Cr Belsham. Carried

His Worship the Mayor returned and assumed the Chair, 1.27 pm

4 Members' 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

His Worship the Mayor informed Council that there would be no further changes to the order of business from that set out in the agenda.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/026	File Ref
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That the Minutes and Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 January 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

7 Mayor's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke briefly to his report.

Cr Peke-Mason and Cr Sheridan both congratulated His Worship the Mayor on his work progressing the issue of land-locked land within the Rangitikei District.

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/027	File Ref	3-EP-3-5
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That the Mayor's report to Council's meeting on 26 February 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

8 Administrative matters – February 2015

Mr McNeil spoke to the report providing further detail on the items within the report.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/028** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the report 'Administrative matters – February 2015' be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/029** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

- 1 That Council authorises the Chief Executive to prepare a draft Phase 2 application to the Ministry for Primary Industry's Irrigation Acceleration Fund to further investigate decentralisation of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply, on the basis that there will be a sharing of costs for the project between the Ministry and the Council, and that the draft application be presented to Council for approval.
- 2 That Council notes an application is being made to the Ministry of Health's Capital Assistance Programme for a subsidy to upgrade the Hunterville town supply through using one or more bores rather than the rural supply scheme.

Cr McManaway / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/030** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

- 1 That Council continues to provide a discount to non-profit community organisations using Council-managed halls, charging one fifth of the base hireage fee throughout the year, and that the delegation to waive such fees entirely is withdrawn.
- 2 That Council continues to provide a discount to non-profit community organisations for non-contact sporting or other recreational activities on Council parks, and that the delegation to waive such fees entirely is withdrawn.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/031** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

- 1 That Council, with respect to consent and other fees set under the Building Act 2004 incurred by a local non-profit community organisation (other than government levies), reserves to itself any decision to remit or waive any such fees.
- 2 That Council, with respect to administrative charges set under the Resource Management Act 1991 incurred by a local non-profit community organisation (other than government levies), reserves to itself any decision to remit or waive any such fees.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Motion

That, having regard for the damage done by the recent fire in the Santoft area, Council approve a grant of \$277.40 to the owners of 1105E Santoft Road in lieu of remitting one instalment of the rates due.

Cr McManaway /
Lapsed for want of a seconder

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/032** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council declines the request for a grant of \$277.40 by the owners of 1105E Santoft Road.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/033** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council agrees to the installation of a raised pedestrian platform on Broadway, Marton (near Centennial Park), incorporating kerb extensions and a centre island at an estimated cost of \$21,360 to be funded from unsubsidised roading.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

9 Options for Manfeild Trust

His Worship the Mayor informed Council that this item would be left to lie on the table for the time being.

10 Options for recovering the costs of damage to roads from forestry harvesting

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report, reminding Councillors of where this item was progressed at the previous meeting.

Ms Gray spoke to the report, giving a brief overview of the information contained in the report.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/034** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-11**

That the report 'Options for recovering the costs of damage to roads from forestry harvesting' be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/035** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-11**

That Council defer the consideration of implementing a differential rating system to recover the costs of damage to roads from forestry harvesting until the 2018/28 Long Term Plan cycle or until national guidance for managing the impact of heavy vehicles on low volume roads is released by the Road Controlling Authorities Forum.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/036** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-11**

That forestry harvesting provisions are not included as part of a future District Plan change.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

Motion

That a further report on the potential for a bylaw to regulate the use of local roads by logging trucks be prepared for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee, together with a proposed engagement plan with affected property owners and the relevant industry organisations.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Lost

11 Acceptance of Tender for Contract C976 Ratana New Water Mains

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report and Mr Fletcher gave Council a brief update on the progress of the project so far. While the reservoir would be completed by the end of May, there needed to be on-site trials with the new treatment plant, running the water from the new bore. Completion was unlikely before November. Discussions had been held with the Ministry of Health about extending the time specified in the funding agreement; no difficulty was anticipated with this. Mr Fletcher noted there was interest from Ratana Dairying in taking over one of the current bore and one of the storage tanks, and one storage tank would be kept for the cemetery; the others would be demolished.

Mr McNeil indicated that it would timely to provide the Ratana community with an update via a further newsletter.

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/037	File Ref	5-CM-1-976
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| 1 | That the report on Acceptance of Tender for Contract C976 Ratana New Water Mains be received. | | |
| 2 | That the Council award Contract C976 to I.D. Loader Limited for the sum of three hundred and one thousand, one hundred and sixty dollars (\$301,160.50) including \$30,000 contingency, excluding GST. | | |

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr McManaway. Carried

Cr Harris left Chambers 2.39 pm / 2.42 pm

12 Electricity Contract Renewal

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report and Mr Miller gave a brief overview of the report and tabled document. The offered one-year contract offered savings from the current contract and would enable Rangitikei to participate with other councils in the MW LASS initiative for a regional contract.

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/038	File Ref	3-CF-4-9
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That the report 'Electricity Contract Renewal' be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/039	File Ref	3-CF-4-9
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| 1 | That Council indicates the term of contract desired: 1 year. | | |
| 2 | That Rangitikei District Council sign a contract with Meridian Energy, aligned with the Manawatu District Council contract (with alignment of contracts contingent on acceptance by Manawatu District Council). | | |

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr McManaway. Carried

13 Draft Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy – adoption for consultation

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the item.

Resolved minute number **1S/RDC/040** **File Ref**

That the proposed Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy, Statement of Proposal, Summary of Information and Submission Form [without amendment/as amended] be adopted for public consultation using the special consultative procedure prescribed by the Local Government Act 2002 during the period 2 March 2015 to 2 April 2015.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

14 Draft Policy on Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the item.

Resolved minute number **1S/RDC/041** **File Ref**

That the draft Policy on Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings be adopted to come into effect from 2 March 2015.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Aslett. Carried

The meeting was adjourned for afternoon tea 3.01 pm / 3.16 pm

15 Adoption of the Town Centre Plan for Marton

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report, acknowledging the very considerable work of the steering group, David Engwicht and Kevin Morris

Resolved minute number **1S/RDC/042** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-4**

That the memorandum 'Adoption of the draft Marton Town Centre Plan' be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **1S/RDC/043** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-4**

- 1 That Council thanks those who have contributed to the work of the Steering Group as the draft Marton Town Centre Plan has evolved.
- 2 That Council adopts the final draft Marton Town Centre Plan and includes it in the consultation process for the draft 2015-25 LTP.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

16 Adoption of the Town Centre Plan for Taihape

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report, again acknowledging the very considerable work of the steering group, David Engwicht and Kevin Morris. He highlighted the intention to move to a new phase in the project, through the focus on recreational facilities on Taihape Memorial Park and indicated his intention to engage an independent and experienced facilitator to help with this.

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/044	File Ref	1-CP-7-1
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| 1 | That the memorandum 'Adoption of the draft Taihape Town Centre Plan' be received. | | |
| 2 | That Council thanks those who have contributed to the work of the Steering Group as the draft Taihape Town Centre Plan has evolved. | | |
| 3 | That Council adopts the final draft Taihape Town Centre Plan and includes it in the consultation process for the draft 2015-25 LTP. | | |
| 4 | That Council: | | |
| | a. notes the areas of concern raised by the Taihape Town Centre Plan Steering Group; | | |
| | b. recognises that the community would welcome some refurbishment or redevelopment of the Taihape Town Hall site, but that further consensus is required on the nature of that refurbishment/redevelopment; | | |
| | c. undertakes an investigation to establish whether the Taihape Area School hall can be modified to adequately cater for 5-7 large events each year and whether a MOU can be negotiated to ensure suitable availability of the hall, what the cost will be and whether it adequately meets all the needs of the large events; and that any MOU agreement needs to be confirmed by the Ministry of Education first; | | |
| | d. undertakes to facilitate a process to urgently develop a similar or greater consensus relating to recreational facilities at Memorial Park, involving the Taihape Memorial Park Users group and Clubs Taihape, with a view to being able to include the outcome in the final Long-Term Plan; and | | |
| | e. develops a process that involves both the Taihape Community Board and the Taihape Community Development Trust in implementing community-led place-making projects in the town in the 2015-2018 period | | |

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

17 2015/25 Long Term Plan

Mr McNeil narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the 2015-25 Long Term Plan, and asked that Elected Members indicate whether or not they felt that the financial information to be included in the Consultation Document was acceptable. At issue was whether there should be a further adjustment to ratepayers in Bulls and Mangaweka in 2015/16, to reduce the impact of the District-wide approach to funding water, wastewater and stormwater. An informal poll indicated most Councillor's preferred to leave the financial and rating proposals as they were presented.

Mr McNeil noted that the draft financials included two carry-forwards of capital projects – wastewater plant upgrades in Marton and Bulls, as the requirements for each had not yet been finalised. A resolution will be presented to the next Council meeting.

Council indicated that it would like to see 'laymen's terms' used in the wording of the graphs.

Cr Sheridan left the meeting 4.24 pm / 4.46 pm

18 Documents for concurrent consultation with 'What's the Plan Rangitikei...'

Council noted the information provided on the Revenue and Financing Policy and the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2015/16.

Mr McNeil suggested inclusion of one free tanker load of water per year for unconnected properties (the property owner to pay for cartage).

19 Marton Railway Station – subway neglect

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the item. Council has been approached by KiwiRail with a potential solution to the subway in Marton. He hoped to associate this with an opportunity to tidy up the station building and make it more attractive for passing travellers.

Resolved minute number

15/RDC/045

File Ref

That the Chief Executive be authorised to undertake negotiations with KiwiRail for the initial clean-up and on-going maintenance of the subway in Marton.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

Cr McManaway left the meeting 4.32 pm

20 Receipt of committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/046** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Taihape Community Board, 4 February 2015
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Committee, 9 February 2015
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, 10 February 2015
- Bulls Community Committee, 10 February 2015
- Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee, 11 February 2015
- Marton Community Committee, 11 February 2015
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 12 February 2015
- Policy/Planning Committee, 12 February 2015
- Ratana Community Board, 17 February 2015

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/047** **File Ref**

That the following recommendations from the Taihape Community Board dated 4 February 2015 be confirmed:

15/TCB/005

That more emphasis is placed in the work programme for the MoU organisations on getting events on to www.rangitikei.com

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/048** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee dated 9 February 2015 be confirmed:

15/HRWS/007

That the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Scheme Management Sub-Committee approves the work as outlined in quote Q14158A from Alf Downs Contracting Electricians Ltd, and asks that Council staff work with Alf Downs Contracting Electricians Ltd to spread the cost of the work over two financial years, 2014/15 and 2015/16.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Harris. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/049** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti dated 10 February 2015 be confirmed:

15/IWI/004

That Council be invited to join the Komiti's next hui (on 14 April 2015) with the objective of sharing long-term perspectives and mechanisms to secure greater collaboration between Iwi and Council in the Rangitikei.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

The hui was expected to be at the Moawhango marae.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/050** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee dated 11 February 2015 be confirmed:

15/BCC/004

That the kowhai tree between Platts Pharmacy and the Bulls Library be removed.

Cr McNeil / Cr Harris. Carried

21 Late items

None

22 Future items for the agenda

None

23 Public excluded

4.42 pm

Resolved minute number 15/RDC/051 **File Ref**

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Item 1: Proposed Bulls Community Centre

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing of this resolution
Item 1 Proposed Bulls Community Centre	Briefing contains information which it is necessary to withhold to enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) <i>Section 7(2)(i)</i>	Section 48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr McNeil.

24 Next meeting

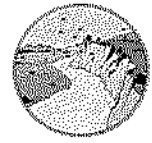
Thursday 26 March 2015, 1.00 pm

25 Meeting closed – 5.19 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

Attachment 2



Rangitikei
District Council

REPORT

SUBJECT: **Administrative matters - March 2015**

TO: Council

FROM: Ross McNeil, Chief Executive

DATE: 18 March 2015

FILE: 5-EX-4

1 As-of-right Town Centre Place-making

- 1.1 Following the breakfast session in December 2013 at which David Engwicht of Creative Communities outlined his ideas about securing more dynamic town centres, he walked with many attendees along High and Bridge Streets explaining how the footpath could (and should) be more than just a passage way. It was a place for interaction, in particular for retailers to come beyond their formal frontages. However, he warned that such initiatives could conflict with planning or bylaw requirements and, if that was the case for Rangitikei, Council would need to consider what stance to take
- 1.2 The Steering Group for the Marton Town Centre Plan wish to promote this concept with businesses in Broadway. Their proposed approach is attached (as Appendix 1 to this report).
- 1.3 In terms of signage, the draft place-making protocol complies with the Control of Advertising Bylaw. However, allowing retailers to encroach on the footpath and establishing linger nodes is contrary to the Public Places Bylaw. Clause 9 requires placing "any material or thing, including signage, amusement devices or items for sale or hire" on any public place to have Council's prior approval in accordance with such conditions as may be imposed. Clause 10 prohibits exposing for sale any articles on any footpath without Council's prior permission and on such conditions as Council thinks fit to impose.
- 1.4 The emphasis in the draft place-making protocol about not creating public nuisance to neighbours and pedestrians underlies the Public Places Bylaw and constitutes a reasonable basis for Council to both endorse the protocol and grant a dispensation from that Bylaw.

2 Spraying of plant pests by Council contractors

- 2.1 At its meeting on 27 November 2014, Council resolved that a report into the alternative options (other than chemical sprays) for the spraying of plant pests

be brought to a future meeting of Council. This was the outcome of reflecting on the Public Forum presentation from Pam Vernon. Subsequently she emailed Elected Members and the Chief Executive information about 'no spray' registers used by some councils to identify places where residents have asked for non-chemical sprays to be used.

- 2.2 Currently the contract for the spraying of Council's urban areas is held by Fulton Hogan, who use Roundup as their standard herbicide. Roundup is considered to be the most effective option (both for cost and effectiveness) and is widely available for commercial use. However, concerns have been expressed that the main active ingredient, glyphosate, can have adverse effects on ecosystems and people's health.
- 2.3 Alternative options considered are: non-chemical sprays, pastes, gas burning, and hot water treatment.

Non-chemical sprays

- 2.4 There is a range of non-chemical sprays available which may be considered to be more environmentally friendly. However, non-chemical sprays can also have adverse effects such as noxious odours and can cause allergies in some people. Salt solutions¹, have the potential to cause adverse effects from soil salinisation. Non-chemical sprays are also more expensive than Roundup.

Pastes

- 2.5 Pastes are a further option for the treatment of weeds in urban areas. They are advantageous because there is no risk of spray drift and weeds are directly targeted. Despite these benefits, pastes are much more labour intensive and time-consuming because the contractor is required to place the paste individually on every weed which needs to be killed. Additionally, they often contain glyphosate. The increased time necessary for the contractors to implement this method makes it more costly.

Gas burning

- 2.6 Gas burning uses LPG burners to target specific weeds at the site. Experience at the former Waitakere City Council suggests that, in addition to being more expensive, gas burning is not very effective, as weeds grow back quickly.

Manual weed control

- 2.7 This method consists of physically pulling out the weeds. While potentially better for the environment (since no herbicides are involved), it is of variable effectiveness: roots may be left in the ground and the weed regrows; in

¹ Used by Dunedin City Council to treat footpaths and kerb and channel.

addition, the pulled weeds need to be taken to a landfill as they cannot be left on the site.

Hot water/steam treatment

- 2.8 Hot water/steam spraying is used by Auckland Council. It is environmentally friendly as no chemicals are required. Therefore, it is safe to use in potentially sensitive areas and is considered to be an option which has greater public acceptance. Nevertheless, this option is not offered by Fulton Hogan and is more expensive (particularly the equipment which is required). The effectiveness relies on the hot water/steam being very hot, which can be hard to achieve.

Costs

- 2.9 Accurate estimates of alternative methods of weed control are not able to be provided. There is a large number of variables for each option, so to gain accurate information trials of alternative methods would be required.
- 2.10 The former Waitakere City Council implemented a trial for non-herbicide methods for weed control in one of its local parks in 2005. The trial used three methods: hand pulling, hot water and gas burning. The trial found the following cost comparisons²:
- Hand pulling was 8 times more expensive than herbicide.
 - Hot water was 15 times more expensive than herbicide.
 - Gas burning was 4 times more expensive than herbicide.

No spray list

- 2.11 One option to address concerns from the community about the use of glyphosate is to implement a 'no spray' list, whereby residents are able to opt out of having Council land beside their property sprayed. A 'no spray' list is used by a number of territorial authorities³. A copy of the application form used by Dunedin City Council is attached as Appendix 2. The requirement to be on the 'no spray' list is that the property owner controls weeds on the specified part of adjoining Council land and if the weeds are not controlled to a suitable standard, Council will arrange to carry out the work in its normal way. A recommendation is included for Council to establish and promote such a list.
- 2.12 The roading weed spray contractor already implements a 'no spray' list for the spraying of berms/roadsides in the rural area, but it is not publicised (and does not extend to the urban areas of the District)

² <http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/abtcit/ne/pdf/herbicidereductionbook.pdf> Page 30

³ For example, Auckland Council, Tauranga City Council, Hamilton City Council, Whangarei District Council, Far North District Council, Waikato District Council, Dunedin City Council.

Signage

- 2.13 A further option to consider in addressing community concern about the use of Roundup is to place signage on the area which is to be sprayed/has been sprayed and to have notification of the areas to be sprayed on the website. Such notification of spraying is done by a number of other territorial authorities.

3 Fee discounts and waivers to non-profit community organisations

- 3.1 At its last meeting Council resolved to reserve to itself any decision to remit or waive consent and other fees set under the Building Act 2004 incurred by a local non-profit community organisation (other than government levies. A request has been received from Graeme Hill, on behalf of the Freemasons Lodge Rangitikei 38 to reduce or waive the building warrant of fitness fee in respect of the Lodge building. His letter is attached as Appendix 3 to this report
- 3.2 The full fee is \$77.00.

4 Marton Railway Station – subway neglect

- 4.1 As reported in the local press, KiwiRail has recently undertaken a clean-up of the sub-way. This was before the discussions foreshadowed at Council's last meeting.
- 4.2 A draft agreement has been received from KiwiRail, which will be reviewed and presented to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee for consideration.

5 Prescribed reviews of service delivery

- 5.1 One of the changes introduced in last year's amendment to the Local Government Act was the requirement to undertake periodic reviews of the delivery of services. The objective behind section 17A is to encourage local authorities to consider more rigorously formal collaboration with one or more other councils. However, it applies to existing shared services arrangements such as Rangitikei has with Manawatu District Council for the provision of infrastructure services, as well as to contracts with private sector firms, such as for the management and maintenance of roads and of parks and town maintenance, both of which expire this year.
- 5.2 Section 17A(4) allows a local authority to avoid the specific requirement for review if it is satisfied that the potential benefits of undertaking such a review do not justify the costs of doing that review. This is important, since the prescribed scope of a review is to consider (a) internal delivery, (b) external delivery (through a council controlled organisation, another local authority or another person or agency) and (c) a shared governance with a common delivery mechanism.

- 5.3 The current review of the provision of infrastructure services by Manawatu District Council had started before the provisions of section 17A came into effect. Nonetheless, it would be appropriate for the Council to confirm by resolution that the review aligns with the intent of these provisions and that, if the delivery of infrastructure services continues to be done by Manawatu (or another entity) the formal arrangements would have a contract which included the seven elements specified in section 17A(5).
- 5.4 Consideration is also needed for the current review of Contract 903 for roading, due to expire on 30 June 2015. The Infrastructure team has given close attention to the terms and conditions for a new contract and, significantly, has been working collaboratively with Horowhenua District Council with the objective of releasing tender documents for the three districts at the same time. There are potential savings for the three councils from this initiative. Again, this aligns with the intent of section 17A, but it is desirable that Council formally confirm that a review in terms of the scope required by section 17A(4) would not be cost-effective.
- 5.5 The report later in the meeting agenda on options for the management of parks and town maintenance makes specific reference to section 17A.
- 5.6 A programme for review of the delivery of other Council services and regulatory functions will be provided to a subsequent meeting of the Policy/Planning Committee.

6 Project Central Wind

- 6.1 The independent planner engaged by the three councils (Rangitikei, Ruapehu and Horizons) has delivered his report, as has the barrister engaged to provide separate advice on the robustness of Meridian's case. Following a phone conference with Meridian, a letter has been sent to Meridian seeking further consideration to two issues where clarification is needed before presenting a report for Council's consideration and decision. The other two councils have deferred formal consideration meantime.
- 6.2 A meeting is being arranged with representatives of the Rangitikei Guardians. The letter they recently sent to the Mayor is attached as [Appendix 4](#).

7 Proposed road closures

- 7.1 The Bulls and Districts Historical Society has applied for a partial road closure for High Street (SH1) in Bulls on Saturday 18 April 2015, from 11.000 am to 2.00 pm, for the opening of the Mounted Rifles Display in the Bulls Museum that day. The length will be from the intersection with Bridge Street to the intersection with Criterion Street.

- 7.2 Council's intention to allow this temporary closure has been advertised in the District Monitor, and on the Council's website, and a copy is attached as Appendix 5a. Objections are due by noon on 27 March 2015. If any objections are received, it is suggested that they are considered and determined by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive.
- 7.3 The Marton RSA and Bulls RSA has applied for a road closure part of High Street (SH1), part of Criterion Street and part of Daniell Street in Bulls on Saturday 25 April 2015, from 4.45 am to 7.15 am, for their ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Parade. The Taihape RSA has applied for a road closure of part of Hautapu Street (SH1), part of Huia Street, and part of Kokako Street, Taihape part of Papakai Road also on Saturday 25 April 2015 from 4.45 am to 7.15 am, for their ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Parade.
- 7.4 Council's intention to allow these temporary closures have been advertised (respectively) in the District Monitor and Central District Times, and the relevant copy is attached as Appendix 5b and Appendix 5c. Objections are due at noon on Friday 20 March 2015, and the receipt of any will be advised to the meeting.
- 7.5 Whatever the outcome of the objections process, a further public notice, in form B in Schedule 1 of the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, of the road closure must be made no later than 24 hours before the proposed period of closure.

8 IANZ visit for accreditation as a Building Consent Authority

- 8.1 Two assessors from International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ) were on site during February 2015 to conduct a further review of Council's compliance with requirements under the Building Act 2004. Four Corrective Action Requests (CARs) were identified. These are currently being worked through, not only in terms of documenting the recommended procedural changes but also accumulating evidence of how those changes are being given effect. All CARs are required to be cleared by 30 April 2015.
- 8.2 For two of the three days when the IANZ team was on site, a representative from the Ministry of Building, Innovation and Employment was also here in an observer role. This has occurred at several other councils: it provides an opportunity for the Ministry to gain first-hand experience of the approach taken by IANZ in these reviews.

9 Proposals for regulations under the Food Act 2014

- 9.1 At its meeting on 12 March 2015, the Policy/Planning Committee received a presentation on the proposal from the Ministry Primary Industries for regulations under the Food Act 2014. These detail the Ministry's prescription on the elements of a food safety system and the way in which food businesses

will be “verified” (audited) to determine whether they are managing food safety risk appropriately.

- 9.2 That presentation outlined potential matters for inclusion in the submission from Council. The attached draft submission ([Appendix 6](#)) reflects that and the Committee’s discussion. The submission is due with the Ministry on 31 March 2015.

10 Draft Regional Public Transport Plan

- 10.1 At its meeting on 12 March 2015, the Policy/Planning Committee received a presentation on the draft Regional Public Transport Plan, and discussed points for inclusion in a submission to Horizons. Regard was given to submissions made by the Council to previous plans. Government policy and decreasing funding work against finding solutions for residents in the region who do not live in Palmerston North, Wanganui or Feilding.
- 10.2 The attached draft submission ([Appendix 7](#)) reflects the presentation and the Committee’s discussion. The submission is due with Horizons on 2 April 2015. It would be appropriate for the Mayor to offer to speak to the Regional Transport Committee to highlight Council’s thinking.

11 Local Government New Zealand discussion paper on funding sources for local government

- 11.1 Local Government New Zealand released a discussion paper on funding sources for local government in January 2015. Although its key message is to secure altered thinking in both central and local government about partnership, it is to some extent a refresh of the 2007 Local Government Rates Inquiry. LGNZ wants to know whether it has captured the key issues and options. In the coming months it will develop a strategy and long-term sustainable funding model. To date, however, central government has shown little interest.
- 11.2 The Finance/Performance Committee considered a presentation at its meeting on 26 February 2015. The attached draft submission ([Appendix 8](#)) reflects that, the Committee’s discussion, and subsequent comment from individual Elected Members. The submission is due with LGNZ on 27 March 2015.

12 CCTV cameras

- 12.1 The Marton installation is complete and fully operational.
- 12.2 Electricity has yet to be connected to one of the sites in Bulls and at Hunterville. All cameras are in place.

- 12.3 In Taihape three cameras are fully operational. Electricity has yet to be connected to two of the sites. One of the sites in Taihape proved unsuitable, but a substitute has been secured.

13 Local Government New Zealand 2015 conference

- 13.1 This year's LGNZ conference will take place in the Rotorua Energy Events Centre 19-21 July 2015: <http://www.lgnz.co.nz/home/events/lgnz-conference-2/>
- 13.2 Early-bird registrations close on 2 June 2015. Carol Downs will arrange registration, accommodation and travel for those Elected Members who wish to attend. The Mayor and the Chief Executive have already registered.

14 Staffing

- 14.1 Samantha Whitcombe has applied for maternity leave from mid June 2015 until the end of January 2016. A fixed term role covering her absence will be advertised in April
- 14.2 Hannah Southgate-McNeil has ended her fixed term marketing role.
- 14.3 Leigh Fordyce has started as a Library/Information Officer.
- 14.4 Jake Burns has just attended a Buildings Officials Institute course and undertaken two days observation with Christchurch City Council's Building team.

15 Recommendations

- 15.1 That the report 'Administrative matters – March 2015' be received.
- 15.2 That Council endorses the proposed 'As-of-right town centre place-making' and its protocol for use of the footpath area and, for clarity, dispenses with any of the provisions in the Public Places Bylaw 2013 which conflict with this initiative over using footpaths in Bulls, Marton, Hunterville and Taihape.
- 15.3 That Council continues the existing method of weed control on Council land and formally establishes a 'no spray' list and promotes its availability.
- 15.4 That Council, with respect to the application from Lodge Rangitikei No. 38,

EITHER

approves a waiver of the full building warrant of fitness fee of \$77.00.

OR

approves a reduction of the building warrant of fitness fee to \$.....

OR

declines to make a waiver or reduction of the building warrant of fitness fee.

- 15.5 That objections to the proposed partial road closure for High Street (SH1) in Bulls on Saturday 18 April 2015, from 11.000 am to 2.00 pm, for the opening of the Mounted Rifles Display in the Bulls Museum that day are considered and determined by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive.
- 15.6 That Council confirms/amends in a further public notice, as required by the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, the publicly notified intention to close
- part of High Street (SH1) in Bulls on Saturday 18 April 2015, from 11.000 am to 2.00 pm, for the opening of the Mounted Rifles Display in the Bulls Museum;
 - part of High Street (SH1), part of Criterion Street and part of Daniell Street in Bulls on Saturday 25 April 2015, from 4.45 am to 7.15 am, for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Parades by the Bulls RSA and Marton RSA; and
 - part of Hautapu Street (SH1), part of Huia Street, and part of Kokako Street, Taihape part of Papakai Road from 4.45 am to 7.15 am, for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Parades by the Taihape RSA.
- 15.7 That, having regard to the requirement in section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002 to review delivery of services, Council confirms:
- a. that the processes which commenced in 2014 to review the shared services arrangement with Manawatu District Council for the delivery of infrastructure services meet the intent of section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002 and that it would not be cost-effective to address all the options specified in section 17A(4);
 - b. that, if the outcome of the review is that Manawatu District Council or another entity is responsible for delivery of infrastructure services for the Rangitikei District Council, the final contract or agreement will comply with the requirements in section 17A(5); and
 - c. that it is satisfied (in terms of section 17A(4(b))) that undertaking a review for the delivery of roading management and maintenance services (as distinct from reviewing the contract and seeking tenders for that during 2015) does not justify the costs of undertaking such a review.
- 15.8 That Council authorises the Mayor to sign the submission on the proposed regulations to be made under the Food Act 2014 and to send it to the Ministry for Primary Industries.

- 15.9 That Council authorises the Mayor to sign the submission [without amended/as amended] on the draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan and to send it to Horizons Regional Council, asking for an opportunity to speak to that Council's Land Transport Committee about the Council's views.
- 15.10 That Council authorises the Mayor to sign the submission [without amendment/as amended] on the discussion paper on funding sources for local government and to send it to Local Government New Zealand

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive

Appendix 1

As of Right Town Centre Place Making

Let's raise the bar and develop an even more vibrant, creative, neighbourly and respectful town!

Permitted Use of the Footpath Area

Pedestrian Movement

1. You can display items in front of retail outlets as long as a 2.1 metre carriageway, measured from the road edge is clear at all times for pedestrians
2. You can paint shop fronts and verandas in the colour of shop owner's choice
3. Items may be hung from verandas as long as an allowance of 2.4 metres from the bottom of the item/sign edge to the ground is left

Signage

Each retail outlet can have either a **Sign** or **Flag** meeting the below specifications, to advertise their business.

Foot path signs

Maximum height	1.0 metres
Maximum width	0.6 metres
Maximum base spread	0.6 metres

Flag Signs

Maximum height	2.0 metres
Maximum width	0.9 metres
Maximum base spread	0.6 metres
Maximum flagpole height	3.0 metres

Street Music

You can play music of choice to enhance street ambience and character.

Linger Nodes

Areas of footpath may be set aside for community activities, i.e. community piano, (must be anchored) hop scotch, chess or games boards and tables and chairs as long as the activity does not impede pedestrian flows or cause public nuisance.

Product Displays

Retailers are encouraged to display items on the footpath space as long as displays do not create public nuisance to neighbours and pedestrians.

IMPROVING YOUR SCORE - AND PROSPERITY



No Engagement

You may have a great product or service but your store does not extend past your front door. People have no reason to pause or engage with your product, or with each other. This contributes to the street feeling empty.



Basic

You have some basic furniture or merchandise displayed outside your shop. This encourages people to spend longer in the street. Did you know that the longer people stay in the street, the more money they spend?



Imaginative

You have furnished the space outside your store with imagination and opened your shop to the street. You invite people to "make themselves at home" - which encourages them to stay longer. People attract people.



Generous

You generously provide opportunities for people to relax, play and socialise. You understand that the prosperity of your shopping precinct depends on the number and diversity of unique experiences on offer.

The Golden Rule: enhance neighbourliness, avoid nuisance

So let's be creative with our town space.

And make our streets, vibrant, happy, shared places where all are welcome.

Appendix 2

Lodge Rangitikei No. 38

Founded at Bulls 25 October 1880
Incorporating The Ruapehu Lodge No. 128, December 2003
Secretary / Treasurer: G. S. Hill. P G Lec.
'Mayfield,' 41 Wanganui Road, Marton, 4710. New Zealand.



2nd February 2015.

Rangitikei District Council,
Private Bag 1102,
Marton.

Attention. Mr. Johan Cullis, Environmental Services Team Leader.

Dear Sir

Compliance Schedule CS50234. Your Invoice No.466476.

Your Regulatory Officer, Janette O'Leary advised to write to you when I inquired if Council would allow a rebate/waiver similar to last year on the B W O F charge to the Lodge.

You may have read the copy of our 15th December letter to Council in which we acknowledged Rate/fee reductions and noted the assistance we give to Marton and District folk from our Benevolence activities; Freemasonry Rules are that Benevolence account monies must be used for that purpose only; we are not allowed to pay any general expense from that donation income source.

The Lodge, similar to many Marton Clubs or Societies has a reducing membership which comprises more senior than younger men; and our By- Laws allow a reduction of annual Dues, our main income source; to some of those senior members either because of age, service, or circumstances; therefore the Lodge has very little surplus income at the end of each year. We do at times allow other small Clubs use of our Hall, so we are helping others who cannot afford a meeting place of their own. It may be, as well, that the original and greater part of our building, consecrated on 28th June 1894 is the oldest Hall in Marton still in regular use.

Members will appreciate any reduction you may grant.

How we would like to see a return to the days when our local membership was more than 100 instead of our current 48; 21 'local' with the other 25 spread throughout New Zealand and 2 in Australia, and thus be able to cover our expenses much more easily.

Yours faithfully,


G S Hill.

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Appendix 3

Rangitikei Guardians

c/- G Duncan

Hiwera

1531 Moawhango Valley Road

R.D.3 TAIHAPE 4793

4th March 2015

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10 MAR 2015

To: ANCCRM
File: 2-LP-S-RM1080065
Date: 15-3-15

The Mayor

The Honourable Andy Watson

6 Grey Street

MARTON 4710

Dear Mr Watson,

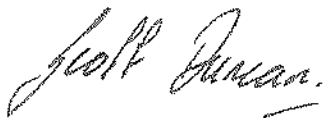
Regarding File RM 80065 – Project Central Wind.

The Rangitikei Guardians (RGs) respectfully request that we be included in all matters pertaining to Meridian Energy Limited's (MEL) Project Central Wind and the Rangitikei District Council (RDC).

The RGs are aware that MEL is seeking to further extend their Project Central Wind resource consent. We would like the RDC to note that this extends the period of uncertainty for us when the original consent lapse date was 11 February 2014.

Having accepted that what we experienced as the first extension to 24 May 2015, was to remedy the resource consent intention of five years from the commencement of the consent, we would like to clearly state our opposition to any further extension of this consent.

Yours faithfully,



Geoff Duncan – Chairperson

Rangitikei Guardians Incorporated Society.

Appendix 4



APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION ON NO-SPRAY LIST

NAME: (print) _____

ADDRESS: _____

DAY TIME CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

DESCRIPTION OF AREA ALONG ROAD FRONTAGE:

I request that this area be included on your no spray list and understand that this applies to routine vegetation control with herbicides.

If the vegetation at this road frontage is not controlled by the property owner/occupier and causes problems, the Council may arrange to carry out this work without further notice. This may include the use of herbicides. All resurfacing of hard surfaced areas is preceded by a treatment with herbicides to reduce future damage to the surfacing.

To assist in locating the area I will mark each side boundary. yes / no

I would like a stencil mailed to the above address to help identification. yes / no

(Please circle yes / no answers as appropriate)

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Please send completed form to Marilyn Perry at the Transportation Operations Department.

Appendix 5a



INTENTION TO CLOSE ROAD TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

PURSUANT to Section 342 (b) and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Rangitikei District Council intends to consider closing the road as listed below for the purpose of permitting Bulls and Districts Historical Society (Inc) to hold the Opening of the Mounted Rifles Display on Saturday 18 April 2015.

Roads to be closed

11am – 2pm

High Street (SH1) – From Bridge Street to Criterion Street Intersection

Any person objecting to the proposal is called upon to lodge notice of his/her objection and grounds thereof in writing, before 4.00 pm, 27 March 2015, at the office of the Rangitikei District Council, Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741.

Should the Rangitikei District Council decide to close the said roads, a public notice shall be given.

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive

Appendix 5b



INTENTION TO CLOSE ROAD TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

PURSUANT to Section 342 (b) and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, the Rangitikei District Council intends to consider closing the roads as listed below for the purpose of permitting the Bulls RSA and the Marton RSA to hold their respective ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Parade on Saturday 25 April 2015.

Roads to be closed

Bulls

0445 – 0715 hrs

High Street (SH1) – From Bridge Street (SH3) to Wilson Street

Criterion Street - From Bridge Street (SH3) to High Street (SH1)

Daniell Street - From intersection of High (SH1) and Criterion Streets to Bull Street

Marton

0515 -0715 hrs

Wellington Road – From Harris Street to Beavan Street

Any person objecting to the proposals is called upon to lodge notice of his/her objection and grounds thereof in writing, before 4.00 pm, Friday 20 March 2015, at the office of the Rangitikei District Council, Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741.

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Appendix 5c



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PURSUANT to Section 342 (b) and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, the Rangitikei District Council intends to consider closing the roads as listed below for the purpose of permitting the Taihape RSA Anzac Day Dawn Service and Parade on Saturday 25 April 2015.

Roads to be closed

0445 – 0715 hrs

Hautapu Street (SH1) – From Kuku Street to Huia Street
Huia Street – From Hautapu Street (SH1) to Kokako Street
Kokako Street - From Huia Street to Kuku Street

Any person objecting to the proposals is called upon to lodge notice of his/her objection and grounds thereof in writing, before 4.00 pm, Friday 20 March 2015, at the office of the Rangitikei District Council, Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741.

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Chief Executive

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Rangitikei District Council

Finance/Performance Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 26 February 2015 – 9:30 a.m.

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Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
 Cr Nigel Belsham
 Cr Cath Ash
 Cr Tim Harris
 Cr Rebecca McNeil
 Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
 Cr Ruth Rainey
 Cr Lynne Sheridan

In attendance:

Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
 Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
 Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
 Ms Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
 Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

Tabled document: Item 8: PowerPoint presentation
 (subsequently emailed to Committee members)

Unconfirmed

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council prayer

His Worship the Mayor read the Council prayer.

3 Apologies/leave of absence

That the apology for absence from Cr McManaway and the apology for lateness from Cr McNeil be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

4 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that there would be no change to the order of business from that shown in the agenda.

5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	1S/FPE/001	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 27 November 2014 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Harris. Carried

6 Chair's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke briefly to his report giving further detail on the Local Government New Zealand training day he attended concerning Audit and Risk Committees. He noted the practical limits of what an external audit could discover (and the value of internal procedures and checking) but also the potential to use the engagement letter between a council and its auditors to focus on particular areas. He observed that there had been a glitch in Council's financial software but it had been feasible to return to the system which had worked for the previous long-term plan.

Cr McNeil arrived 9.45 am

Resolved minute number	1S/FPE/002	File Ref	3-CT-14-1
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That the Chair's report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 26 February 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr CA. Carried

7 Financial Highlights and Commentary to 31 January 2015

Mr McIlrvine spoke to the report providing a brief overview of the commentary provided.

The following issues were identified by the Committee for inclusion in the next Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting:

- The lower than year-to-date projected expenditure on libraries
- The greater than year-to-date projected non-rates revenue in parks/domains
- The lower than year-to-date projected expenditure on public toilets
- The lower than year-to-date expenditure within the stormwater activity
- The low year-to-date renewals capital expenditure in parks/domains
- The low year-to-date renewals capital expenditure on at the swimming pools
- The over-spend within the Marton water renewals budget
- The under-spend within the Marton wastewater renewals budget
- Non-rates revenue receipts and processes at Council's swim centres
- Non-rates revenue receipts and processes at Council's waste transfer stations

The Committee also requested that the following issues be investigated and brought back to a future meeting:

- Additional non-rates revenue and additional expenditure in District Promotions
- The basis of the budget for PC replacements
- Funding for Christmas parades (and associated road closures)

Resolved minute number 15/FPE/003 **File Ref** 5-FR-4-1

That the report 'Financial Highlights and Commentary to 31 January 2015' be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

8 Funding sources for local government – LGNZ discussion paper – consideration of issues to be included in Council's submission

Mr Hodder narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the LGNZ discussion paper, outlining the issues presented there and suggesting topics for possible inclusion in Council's submission. The presentation would be circulated to Elected Members with a request for feedback within the next fortnight. The draft submission would be on Council's Order Paper for 26 March 2015.

9 Progress with identified actions to reduce risk

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report. It was suggested that future progress reports indicate when a particular action was identified, so it was clear how long some of the tasks had taken to be complete – and, if not complete when it was expected to be. The review of the Council's approach to risk was a function for the Audit/Risk Committee.

Resolved minute number

15/FPE/004

File Ref

5-PY-1

That the report 'Progress with identified actions to reduce risk – July-December 2014' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

10 Review of the criteria and evaluation process for Council's Community Initiatives Fund

Ms Servante facilitated a workshop session on Council's Community Initiatives Fund. Discussion extended to the purpose of the proposed fund for high profile events in the draft Long Term Plan, in particular to:

- developing a more inclusive scope for high-profile events than 'iconic' events;
- questioning why all events funding should not be contestable; and
- aiming to get 'iconic' events sustainable so that there was more scope to help new events.

The results of the workshop discussion will be reported to the Committee's 26 March 2015 meeting.

11 Late items

There were no late items.

12 Future items for the agenda

No items were identified.

13 Next meeting

Thursday 26 March 2015, 9.30 am

14 Meeting closed – 12.03 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

Rangitikei District Council

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 12 March 2015 – 9:39 a.m.

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Present: Cr Dean McManaway (Chair)
Cr Mike Jones
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Lynne Sheridan

In attendance: Mr Hamish Waugh, Infrastructure Group Manager
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Services Team Leader
Mr Reuben Pokiha, Operations Manager - Roading
Ms Joanna Saywell, Asset Manager – Utilities
Mr David Rei Miller, Asset Engineer – Utilities
Mr Mike Fletcher, Project Engineer - Utilities
Mr Chris Pepper, Project Engineer – Utilities
Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager – Utilities
Mr Don Stewart, Project Engineer – Utilities
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental Services Team Leader
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

Tabled documents: **Item 6** Chair's Report
Item 8 Budget Queries Raised at Finance/Performance Committee, 26 February 2015 (updated)

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council Prayer

Cr McManaway read the council prayer.

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apology for absence from His Worship the Mayor, Cr Harris Cr Gordon and Cr Peke-Mason be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Jones. Carried

4 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that there would be no change to the order of business from that set out in the agenda.¹

5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/009** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 12 February 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

6 Chair's report

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/010** **File Ref** **1-CT-13-1**

That the Chair's report to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 12 March 2015 be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried

7 Activity management templates

Mr Pokiha, Mr Pepper, Mr Miller, Ms Prince and Mr Waugh spoke to the activity management templates for Asset based groups of activities.

¹ Item 10 was subsequently taken after Item 7 as Mr Lowe was present at the meeting.

Mr Pokiha noted that construction of the replacement Wylie's Bridge had started followed by a blessing ceremony by local Iwi. The Committee asked if the project plan could be circulated, along with clarification about access over the existing bridge.

The Committee sought clarification on any undertaking made by the Government to funding a replacement Mangaweka Bridge when the state highway was routed away from that bridge.

Mr Pokiha noted that the price from the contractor to install the off-road parking bay at Gumboot Park (\$30,000) was significantly higher than the engineer's estimate (\$18-20,000) and this was under discussion.

The Committee asked for clarification on the terms of the resource consent granted for the Marton Waste Transfer Station. Green waste was piling up above the fence line along King Street and a neighbouring resident had questioned this.

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/011** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the non-financial reporting templates for Asset based groups of activities for February 2015 be received.

Cr Jones / Cr Rainey. Carried

10 Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant

Hamish Lowe, from Lowe Environmental Impact, was present at the meeting to speak to the report on the Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant. He provided a brief overview of the report and gave further detail to the various options for the treatment plant.

The existing treatment plant was fundamentally sound and the discharge to the river (monitored over ten years) had effects which were no more than minor. At present, the discharge was direct from the second pond. However, this was not acceptable to Iwi, who preferred discharge to land. This could be achieved, but at a probable cost of around \$5 million. The Resource Management Act had scope for councils to take affordability issue into account.

Creating a meandering wetland ("rapid infiltration") was a potential compromise, as it would not mean a direct discharge to the river. Given the quality of discharge to the river, there would be no detrimental effects on ground water. The rain risk (and to the treatment facility as a whole) was from several floods in the river, leading to over-topping of the ponds.

He anticipated the resource consent being lodged by 31 March 2015, if the Committee accepted the recommendations in the report.

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/013** **File Ref**

That the report 'Bulls Wastewater Upgrade: Best Practicable Option Report' by Lowe Environmental to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting 12 March 2015 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/014** **File Ref**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee endorses the recommendations included in the report from Lowe Environmental Impact on the Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant, being:

- Investigate the practicality of a Rapid Infiltration system adjacent to the existing Bulls WWTP to reduce the extent of direct discharge to the Rangitikei River.
- Pursue the opportunities for a summer seasonal land discharge of wastewater from the Bulls WWTP; and
- Pursue the consenting of the entire Bulls WWTP discharge to the Rangitikei River, to ensure that the WWTP can remain irrespective of any summer seasonal discharge arrangement being successful.

Cr Jones / Cr Belsham. Carried

8 Budget Queries Raised at Finance/Performance Committee, 26 February 2015

The report was taken as read. Council staff were asked to investigate options for the use of the excess budget for public toilets, particularly to improve the interior of the Lower High Street toilets in Marton, and to report back to the Committee's next meeting.

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/012** **File Ref** **3-CT-14-1**

That the memorandum 'Budget Queries Raised at Finance/Performance Committee, 26 February 2015' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

9 Options to deliver services for Council parks and town maintenance

Ms Prince narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the delivery of services for Council's parks and town maintenance, currently contracted to Fulton Hogan. Mr Cullis provided some detail on the process undertaken by Waitomo District Council in bringing some of these services back in-house.

A formal written report on the matter would be provided for Council's consideration on 26 March 2015.

11 Mangaweka Camping Ground Ablution Block

Ms Prince spoke briefly to the report. The Chair noted the support from the Mayor and Cr Aslett to rebuilding the ablution block. The Committee asked for clarification on the minimum requirements for toilets at the campground, including over disability access.

Resolved minute number	15/AIN/015	File Ref	6-RF-1-1
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That the 'Mangaweka Camping Ground Ablution Block' report be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number	15/AIN/016	File Ref	6-RF-1-1
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That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee support redirecting the unspent portion of the funding allocated to upgrade the Mangaweka Camping Ground on-site sewage disposal system towards an ablution block upgrade at the camping ground, and that the proposed scope, scale and cost of the upgrade be approved by the Chief Executive within the budget available.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

12 Consent Compliance – Jul 2014 to Feb 2015

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the report. Mr Waugh provided further detail on the upcoming meeting with Horizons Regional Council's Environmental Committee on the non-compliance issue at some of the wastewater treatment plants within the District.

Resolved minute number	15/AIN/	File Ref	5-EX-4
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That the report 'Consent Compliance – Jul 2014 to Feb 2015' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 12 March 2015 be received.

Cr Jones / Cr Sheridan. Carried

13 Late items

Nil

14 Future items for the agenda

Nil

15 Next meeting

Thursday 9 April 2015, 9.30 am

16 Meeting closed – 11.42 am

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

Unconfirmed

Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

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Present: Cr Lynne Sheridan (Chair)
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Rebecca McNeil

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental Services Team Leader
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst
Ms Carol Downs, Executive Officer
Mr Kevin Morris, Policy Analyst
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

Unconfirmed

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from His Worship the Mayor and Cr Peke-Mason be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

3 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that there would be no change to the order of business from that set out in the agenda.¹

4 Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 12 February 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

CA / AG. Carried

5 Chair's report

Resolved minute number	15/PPL/010	File Ref	3-CT-15-1
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That the Chair's report to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 12 March 2015 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Aslett. Carried

6 Issues proposed for Council-initiated District Plan Change

Ms Gray spoke to the report, providing the Committee with a brief overview of the outcomes of the previous workshop session. It was agreed that there would further research into policies adopted by other councils on dwelling separation and shelterbelts with a report back to the Committee's next meeting.

¹ The order of business was subsequently change to allow for staff availability.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/011** **File Ref** **1-PL-2-4**

That the memorandum 'Rural/Rural Living Zone Feedback and section 32 Report' be received'.

Cr McNeil / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/012** **File Ref** **1-PL-2-4**

That the Policy/Planning Committee endorses the proposed rule changes for the District Plan as outlined in the Section 32 Report without amendment, presented to the meeting on 12 March 2015 and attached to the minutes of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr McNeil. Carried

7 Workshop session – Rules Reduction

Mr Cullis and Ms Gray facilitated a workshop session on the Rules Reduction Taskforce, considering issues in building control, animal control, liquor control and resource consents. Consideration was also given to the consequences of splitting responsibilities over creating and enforcing regulations.

The written comments on the worksheets would be collated, together with points made in discussion, for further consideration at the Committee's next meeting.

8 Activity management templates

Ms Servante and Mr Cullis spoke to the activity management templates for Community Well-being, Community Leadership and Environmental & Regulatory Services.

The main points raised during discussion were:

- With a new MSD Community Investment Regional Manager, it would soon be evident whether the Marton Community Charter would be implemented;
- Progress with the Treasured Natural Environment Theme Group had a high dependency on the representatives from Horizons and Ngati Apa;
- The Buoyant Economy Theme Group could secure a pan-region perspective by tapping into broader networks such as Beef & Lamb and Massey;
- More promotion needed to be done around the Request for Service (RFS) system as the place for residents to go if they had a complaint or noticed an issue within the District that needed rectifying – perhaps using a cartoon

Afternoon tea 3.07 pm / reconvened 3.22 pm

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/013** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the Activity Management Templates for Community Well-Being, Community Leadership and Environmental & Regulatory Services for February 2015 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Aslett. Carried

12 Update on the 2015-25 Long Term Plan (March 2015)

Ms Downs spoke to the report, giving the Committee a brief overview of the proposed schedule for the consultation meetings for the 2015-25 Long Term Plan.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/014** **File Ref** **1-LTP2015-2**

That the report "Update on 2015 -25 Long Term Plan (March 2015)" be received.

That the Policy/Planning Committee endorses the Engagement Plan for the 2015-25 Long Term Plan.

Cr Gordon / Cr McNeil. Carried

14 Update on Communications Strategy

Ms Downs spoke briefly to the update on the Communications Strategy, providing additional information on Council's new website.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/015** **File Ref** **3-CT-15-1**

That the report 'Update on the Communications Strategy' to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 12 March 2015 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

9 Review of Policy on Development Contributions

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the memorandum, providing the Committee with further background to the Policy.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/016** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-4**

That the memorandum 'Review of policy on development contributions' be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/017** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-4**

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the current policy on development contributions continue unchanged and that consultation occur simultaneously with the Consultation Document for the 2015/25 Long Term Plan

Cr Sheridan / Cr McNeil. Carried

10 Update on legislation and governance issues

Mr Hodder spoke to the report and narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed regulations under the Food Act 2014.

Mr Cullis provided the Committee with further detail on how the new system will work under the Food Act 2014 and how much onus will be placed on Council.

A draft submission would be included in Council's meeting agenda for 26 March 2015.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/018** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That the report 'Update on legislation and governance issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting of 12 March 2015 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

15 Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative and other community development programmes – March 2015

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the memorandum, highlighting the points on the Marton Community Charter, the Healthy Families initiative and the Swim 4 All programme.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/019** **File Ref** **1-CO-4**

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative and other community development programmes – March 2015' be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Aslett. Carried

11 Draft regional passenger transport plan

Mr Hodder narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the Regional Passenger Transport Plan, which included suggested issues for inclusion in the Council's submission. The presentation would be made available online and copies of submissions to earlier regional passenger transport plans would be emailed to Elected Members.

A draft submission would be included in Council's meeting agenda for 26 March 2015.

13 Updates on the Town Centre Plans for Marton, Taihape, Hunterville and the Implementation of the Bulls Town Centre Plan

Mr Morris spoke briefly to the memorandum, noting that, since he had compiled the report, a facilitator had been appointed to assist with the next stage of the Taihape town centre plan. He undertook to clarify when the traffic crossing in Bridge Street (Bulls) would be made.

Members suggested sending out blank images of the various buildings featured in the Marton competition to make it easier for people to suggest designs.

Resolved minute number 15/PPL/020 **File Ref** 1-CP-7-5

That the memorandum 'Update On The Town Centre Plans for Marton, Taihape, Hunterville and the implementation of Bulls Town Centre Plan - March 2015' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

16 Walking/Cycleway along the Rangitikei River – a possible WW1 commemoration project?

The Chair discussed a potential walkway/cycleway along the Rangitikei River as a possible WW1 commemoration project. The following points were discussed:

- Potentially a regional project with collaboration with several neighbouring groups.
- The use of plaques along the trail to tell the stories of WW1 soldiers.
- Potential link to the disused rail tunnels by Mangaweka
- Volunteer groups to complete/provide plantings.
- The project could be on a similar scale and provide similar impact as the Otago Rail Trails.

It was agreed that further research be done into this proposal and a report be brought back to the next Committee meeting.

17 Late items

Nil

18 Future items for the agenda

Walking/Cycleway along the Rangitikei River – a possible WW1 commemoration project

19 Next meeting

Thursday 9 April 2015, 1.00 pm

20 Meeting closed – 5.52 pm

Unconfirmed